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School board votes 6-1 to close Frederic Elementary

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board made a decision Monday night on a troublesome issue that is facing school boards throughout the state. With schools facing at least an eleven percent funding cut next year, boards are looking for ways to trim their budgets. One way is closing school buildings.

The board had met just the previous Wednesday, February 5 with approximately 70 residents of Frederic and Maple Forest to answer their questions and listen to their concerns regarding the possible closure of Frederic Elementary. The board received resolutions from both Frederic and Maple Forest Township at these meetings stating that the closing of Frederic Elementary would be devastating to the community. One section of the Maple Forest resolution stated "Maple Forest Township feels that Frederic Elementary School is of vital enough importance to mention it in chapter 3 of our master plan."

When Board President Karl Schreiner announced the second reading on the proposed closing, Board Treasurer John Pilon asked to speak first. He read a prepared statement to the audience (text follows). He said it was fiscally responsible to vote in favor of the recommended closing.

Trustee Marilyn Rosi thanked the people of Frederic for coming to meetings to express their concerns. Past transfers have been successful, Rosi said. She added this transfer needs support

from parents so that it can be a positive experience for all.

Board Vice President Carol Ramaswamy echoed those sentiments.

Secretary Melvin "Pat" Nunn said he has real feelings for the community of Frederic but he agreed with Pilon that closing the school was the right thing to do.

Trustee Gary Pettyjohn said he had had no idea how hard this decision would be, but he couldn't live with himself if the board dug a financial hole "one we can't get out of."

Trustee James Tobin was the only board member who said he was not in favor of closing Frederic Elementary. He said the proposed closing would "cut the essence - the very foundation out of the community."

The roll call vote for closing Frederic Elementary was 6 aye, 1 nay.

Frederic parent Michelle Stanley said she was very disappointed with the vote and hoped the closure was for only one year. She also expressed the hope that the administration will work with parents regarding bus-ing which concerns many parents in the Frederic area.

Stanley also said she felt the Frederic Elementary parents got a bit of a scolding at the meeting. She said it is not up to just the Frederic parents to help ensure the transfer is a positive experience. Parents of elementary students throughout the district should work to ensure the smooth transition.

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Deputy says he owes his life to the Sheriff



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Frederic Fire Chief Doug Pratt (in white helmet) and firefighter Jamey Owens check on the condition of Crawford County Sheriff Deputy Jason Alexander after his patrol car was rear-ended in whiteout conditions by a large tow truck February 4 on northbound I-75. This is the second accident of its kind in two years where a patrol car was hit while sheriff's personnel were out on a motorist assist. Also shown first to the scene were Capt. Art Clough, Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs and Frederic firefighters Ken Halstead and David Pratt.

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

No one knows what would have happened had the patrol car 23-year old Deputy Jason Alexander was driving last week not undergone recall work in December.

For the second time in two years, a Crawford County Sheriff's patrol car was struck from behind while assisting motorists who slid off the road

during heavy snowfall.

At about 4:15 p.m. on February 4, Deputy Alexander was sitting in his cruiser on the shoulder of the highway. He had just finished writing a ticket for one of two drivers he was assisting near the 267 mile marker on northbound I-75, when he was struck from behind by a large semi wrecker. Visibility was down to just a few yards due to lake effect

snow.

"All I remember was all of a sudden there was smoke in the car, and glass... and when I looked down there was blood on my hands," Alexander said. The collision threw him to the floor of the cruiser.

The smoke Alexander described was not smoke at all. It was the fire-fighting powder built into a fire panel installed on December 11, 2002 to pro-

tect the gas tank of the Ford Crown Victoria.

Ford Motor Company began performing the recall work on police cruisers after 13 officers around the country died when their cars burst into flames following collisions similar to what happened to Alexander.

According to Ford, none of the cars which have received the

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It's hockey time!



Photo courtesy of Tom Wellman

An estimated 40 to 50 kids play hockey on the ice rink created by volunteers near the Grayling Middle School, but there are some problems with the location. Parks Committee member Tom Wellman would like to see a new rink built near the new city hall and the SeaBees have offered to build it.

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The ice rink created the last two years on school property by volunteers is a very popular spot. Two or three times each day, 40-50 kids play hockey

there, providing a needed recreation opportunity for area youth.

Parks Committee member Tom Wellman has been heading up the work on the rink for the past two years and is proud of

the results, but he said the time is now to make the decision to build a new one on city property, instead of school property.

Wellman suggests the new

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Little Gypsy lives up to her name

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Little did Dick and Jeri Selthoffer know that their little beagle would one day live up to her name -- Gypsy.

On February 1, Dick was out with Gypsy, hunting in the North Wakeley Bridge Road and County Road 612 area, near Lovells, when they became separated. Over the next six days, the Selthoffers spent hours driving the back roads and trails looking for their beloved pet.

Only 13 inches tall and weighing only 20 pounds, the dog was no match for the bitter cold temperatures and heavy snowfall Crawford County has experienced recently. Or, so the Selthoffers thought.

Missing Gypsy terribly, Jeri and Dick created and distributed flyers around the county. Soon calls began coming in from people who believed they had seen the little dog.

Some had even tried to talk her into trusting them, but she proved too shy and would run away.

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Photo courtesy of Dick and Jeri Selthoffer

Dick Selthoffer holds his little dog, Gypsy, who lived up to her name recently when she traveled all over the county for six days before being found.

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Camp Grayling's 1438th mobilized

The 1438th Engineer Detachment (Utility), 507th Engineer Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard stationed at Camp Grayling, has received notification of a Presidential Call-Up in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle.

The unit mobilized at Camp Grayling on February 10 and prepared their equipment for departure to their mobilization station.

Once at the mobilization station, the soldiers will spend about a week in-processing before moving on to their duty assignment. The final destination of the unit has not yet been confirmed.

"We follow in our forefathers' footsteps, the original Minutemen, ready to deploy whenever and wherever we are needed," said Staff Sergeant Matthew Jody, 1438th Readiness NCO. "This unit has been called upon in the past to support real world missions, and I'm confident will represent Michigan well, once again."

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Parents offer reward to find son's killer

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

More than a year and a half after their 21-year old son was found shot to death on a wooded two-track near the Grayling Township Industrial Park, David and Kathy Piehl have still found no justice.

According to Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, Shane Piehl was murdered in an Oxycontin for cocaine deal gone bad. But who put two bullets in Shane's head and left him lying next to his car on that breezy and sunny afternoon of May 29, 2001? Where is the murder weapon? His parents and family want to know.

"It seems like we are just sitting still and nothing's happening," Kathy said about finding her son's killer or killers. She said it seems as though the case has just faded away from the minds of investigators and the prosecutor. "I feel like they are just blowing this off. I have not been hounding them, but they take their time returning my calls for updates."

She and her husband's memories of the tragedy have not faded. They live each day wondering when someone will finally come forward and tell the truth, and answer the many questions that have gone unanswered. "Not finding the answers and justice is killing my husband," Kathy said. "David is quite depressed and feeling as though the system has failed him."

Kathy has her breaking points, too, and struggles some days to get by emotionally. She said it seems like she and her family just exist, that they go through their daily routines, but really don't feel like they are living life normally since Shane's death.

Last year in May -- nearly a year to the date of Shane's murder -- one of his acquaintances, then 41-year old Randee Craig Johnson, (also known as Panda) was found not guilty by 12 jurors at his open murder trial in 46th Circuit Trial Court. Kathy believes the prosecution may have rushed to trial before building a good enough case against Johnson to appease those anxious to see someone brought to trial. Johnson had bragged to friends that he shot Shane twice in the head because he wouldn't sell any of his Oxycontin, then later said he was just kidding.

Another suspect in the murder investigation was mentioned several times during the 2001 trial, that of Michael Bergan, who is currently in prison for stealing over \$100,000 from a local businessman. He has not been charged in any way with the slaying. "Even though I know Mr. Huss has his suspicions about Mike Bergan, I don't want him to rush to trial without enough evidence to convict him," Kathy said.

To help gather enough evidence against whoever shot Shane, the Piehl family is offering a \$3,000 reward for information which leads to the arrest and conviction of his killer or killers.

Once the activities were revealed, Kathy had to ask herself many questions regarding Shane selling his prescription drug Oxycontin and over-medicating himself. She said, shortly before his death, she was becoming concerned that he may have been taking too much of the painkiller but had no idea he was selling his medication or how deeply entrenched in the local drug scene he had become.

"No matter what he was doing -- and I won't make any excuses for him -- he did not deserve to die like this," Kathy said. "And we need to bring his killer to justice."

Kathy urges anyone with any information regarding the death of her son, Shane Piehl, to write to her at P.O. Box 991, Grayling, MI 49738.

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Shelter kicks off annual campaign

February 14-28 is designated to raise money using the "Have a Heart for the Animals" campaign. Many businesses in Grayling and around Crawford County have volunteered to participate in this fund-raiser and will be selling bright pink paper hearts to those willing to donate \$1.00 more to the cause. Donors will be asked to write their name or a pet's name on each heart purchased for display, letting the whole world know they care about the welfare of animals.

Proceeds from the Have a Heart campaign will help pay the cost of low-cost spaying/neutering for those pet owners who can't otherwise afford the procedures, as well as those pets at the shelter waiting for adoption. Shelter Manager, Dixie Lobsinger, said because the Crawford County area is depressed economically, many pet owners are unable to have their pets altered. As a result, many litters of unwanted puppies and kittens are born each year. Many end up at the shelter.

While the mission of the animal shelter is to save lives and find homes for unwanted cats and dogs through adoption, rescue groups and other forms of networking, many of them (especially cats) are euthanized when conditions become overcrowded and few people come forward to welcome the pets into their homes.

Besides the benefits of reducing the unwanted pet population, there are health and safety benefits to having pets spayed or neutered. Male dogs and cats tend to stay closer to home -- and off busy streets -- once altered, and female animals avoid carrying litter after litter of babies. For both males and females, alteration lowers the risk of many diseases and afflictions, giving animals a chance for a longer, healthier life.

For more information about the Have a Heart campaign, low-cost spaying/neutering opportunities, or any of the animals up for adoption at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, call (989) 348-4117 or stop by at 508-1/2 Huron Street in Grayling. To make a donation by mail, make checks payable to the ASCC, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Help save the lives of many unwanted dogs and cats.

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Governor's 'Great Start' applauded by educators

► Granholm fails to address crucial issue of funding law enforcement

by Corbin Sullivan
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Crawford County officials see positive change ahead in education and environmental policy, while bracing for budget shortfalls following Gov. Jennifer Granholm's first State of the State address.

Granholm emphasized a need to push through the difficulty of dealing with a state budget that's \$285 million short this year.

"Only challenge produces the opportunity for greatness," Granholm said. "Michigan, we are challenged."

She blamed the Engler administration for budget shortfalls, but said her administration would do everything possible to ensure a balanced budget for the future.

"I will have to cut deep to do so," the governor warned.

Among areas where Granholm urged the need for change, she cited education as the most important if the state is to succeed economically in the long term.

"Good teaching is the key to

our economic well-being," Granholm said. "A cut to education is a cut to the heart."

Her education initiatives take root in the Great Start program she proposed in the speech. Great Start would emphasize education before children reach school age. The years from birth to the age of five are the most important in a child's future educational development, according to Granholm.

106th District Rep. Matthew Gillard (D-Alpena) saw Granholm's education initiative as a swift way to improve Michigan's schooling.

"Her program is one that can be implemented quickly," Gillard said.

He also mentioned much of the funding for Great Start would come from the private sector, so it won't create a drastic increase in state or local spending.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Milli Haug was excited by Granholm's promises about education.

"I do believe she really intends to help us improve our system," Haug said. "I like the teeth she's putting into the truancy situation."

Granholm proposed the state not allow students to get their driver's license if they drop out

of school or are chronically truant.

Haug did identify some concerns that were not addressed in the speech, including home schooling. "I hope she covers the home schooling situation, because it's not well regulated now, and I think it makes it easier for kids to drop out."

The Crawford AuSable School District also faces the possibility of severe funding cuts in the next year. Haug said the best case scenario would be an 11 percent cut. That would take \$1.5 million out of a \$16 million budget for the upcoming school year. Some staff and learning programs will be cut, Haug said.

Gillard mentioned other points in Granholm's speech that could prove helpful to the Crawford County area.

For example, Gillard applauded the governor's proposal to strictly regulate out-of-state and Canadian trash that is brought to Michigan landfills.

Gillard co-sponsored legislation to tackle the issue of out-of-state dumping, which he said could be a future problem for Crawford County.

There is no out-of-state dumping in Crawford County currently because the landfills are not approved for as wide a range of waste as others in the state. As

other state landfills begin to overflow, Crawford County could see trash coming its way.

"It's an issue that can and will be addressed," Gillard said.

One problem in Crawford County that Granholm didn't cover was police support. The county depends on state police to provide part of its daytime and evening road patrol and all of the midnight police coverage outside of the city of Grayling. Some already see the coverage as insufficient, but more cuts could be on the way.

"I want the people making the cuts to realize the need in the northern counties," Gillard said. "It's the only road patrol in some places."

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe agreed, saying, "This whole area is really underserved by state government and state police."

The Grayling area will survive further state budget cuts, said Lowe, but it will take creative planning.

"We're just about to go into our budget process," Lowe said. "We simply won't be able to budget for anything unless we know we have that money."

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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We know it's not easy to ignore

Judge sends two-time home invader to prison

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Circuit Court Judge Dennis Murphy showed little compassion for a two-time felon when he sentenced an Owosso man to 30 to 180 months in state prison for breaking into two Crawford County homes last August.

Eric Alan Atkins received his sentence on February 6 after telling Judge Murphy the reason he broke into the homes and took over \$2,500 in electronics, camping gear, power tools and other items was because he had just started work after being laid off and still needed money.

Atkins pled guilty to one charge of second degree felony home invasion at his arraignment last month in exchange for the dismissal of a second count of the same charge.

In a written confession to the Sheriff's Office, Atkins admitted he planned to take the stolen goods downstate to sell at pawn shops. He used a knife to pry open windows and screens to gain entry to both homes.

Judge Murphy asked the 28-year old how he picked the two Stephan Bridge Road residences

for break-ins, and Atkins replied, "It was the spur of the moment. I saw the houses and nobody was home."

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss said Atkins shows a pattern of felonious activity and recommended he receive a three-year prison sentence. "Maybe he will think about it before doing it again," Huss remarked. The maximum penalty for the crime is 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

Huss said most of the property was recovered with the exception of about \$90 in loose change and a flashlight. Damage to windows and screens amounted to about \$200, but Huss said the homeowners are not seeking restitution.

Prior to the break-ins, Atkins relocated to the Grayling area and was staying with family members near the targeted homes in South Branch Township. Atkins got off probation in April, 2001 after serving 10 months in jail for felony breaking and entering downstate.

"Didn't they treat you tough

enough the first time?" asked Judge Murphy. "You got off pretty easy. How long do you think it would take for you to learn not to do this again?"

Atkins answered in a questioning tone, "Twenty-four months?"

"You have committed two felonies and four misdemeanors for a total of six crimes," Judge Murphy stated. "Do you enjoy spending time in court? Don't you enjoy jumping in the car and going to the movies on a Saturday night? You know you can't do anything if you're in jail. Why did you break and enter again?"

"I needed money to get a vehicle," Atkins answered.

"Everybody needs money," Judge Murphy said, "but not everyone breaks into a home to get it."

Atkins learned his sentence and Judge Murphy added, "When you get out, you'll be 30. Then, maybe, you will be ready to do things right. Ten months didn't do any good; maybe 30 months will work... and you will serve the entire 30 months."

Counselor pleads guilty to impaired driving

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School's elementary school counselor David Clyde Holzbauer pled guilty February 4 in 83rd District Court to the lesser charge of misdemeanor impaired driving, after Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss agreed to dismiss two original charges of misdemeanor drunk driving in exchange for the plea.

Holzbauer was stopped for speeding by a Crawford County Deputy on January 3 near AuSable Trail and M-72 West in Grayling Township. A roadside breath test showed Holzbauer had a .20 blood alcohol level, twice the legal limit. He was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) and taken to the Crawford County Jail where he posted a \$100

bond and was released.

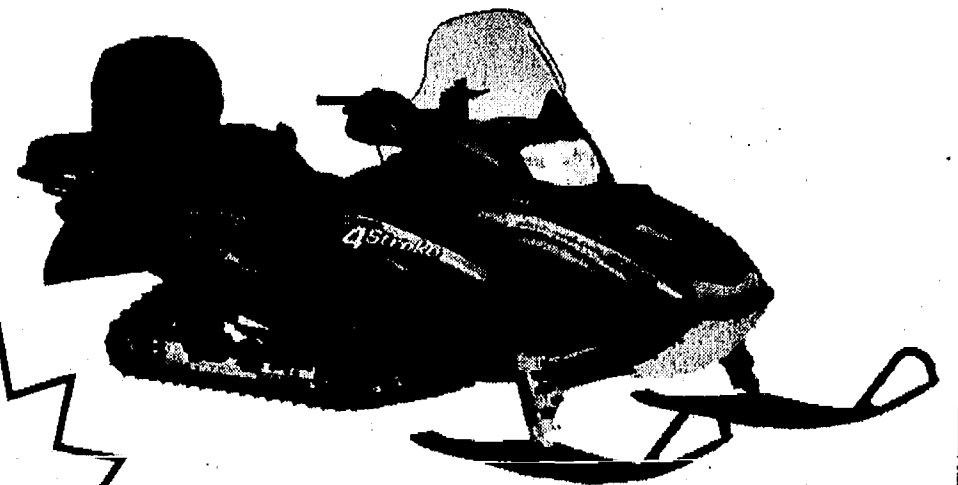
Judge John G. Hunter accepted the plea and sentenced Holzbauer to six months probation and ordered him to enroll, within 30 days, with the Victims Impact Panel and Alcohol Highway Safety Education classes. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 fine, \$230 in court costs and \$50 to the Crime Victims Fund.

Holzbauer would have faced a sentence of up to 93 days in jail and/or \$100-\$500 fine and/or 45 days community service had he

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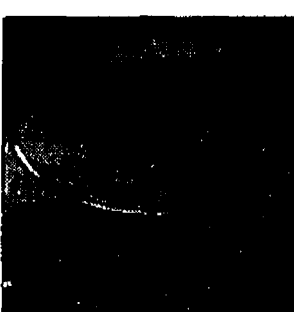
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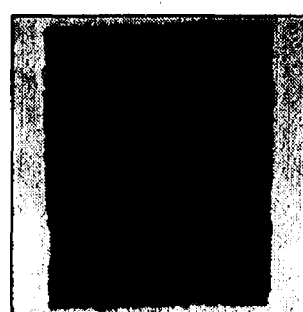
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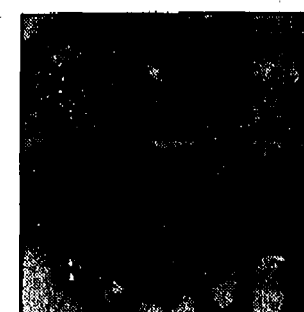
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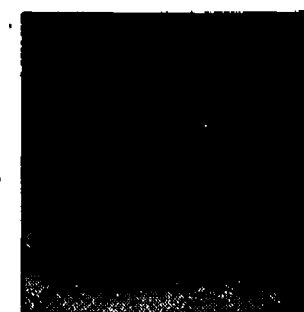
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Get out your scissors and join the fun

GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM has set the standards, and the game is on: How does state government reduce spending to fit inside Michigan's nearly bare pocketbook?

In the governor's annual "State of the State" message the other day, and in other public appearances before and since, Governor Granholm has made it clear she does not favor higher taxes to balance the 2003-04 fiscal year budget, which is about \$2 billion short of expected revenues.

The alternative she favors is to cut spending.

Another standard Ms. Granholm has emphasized in her approach to governance is inclusiveness.

In her reach-out approach to her job, she promises everyone has a seat at the table.

It follows then that she would love to have suggestions from every Michigander on how to cut state spending and balance the budget.

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IN HER OWN initial approach to cut spending, Governor Granholm has made various proposals:

Call in 1,000 state cars, limit cell phones, cut out color copying, freeze new state hires, cut all department budgets across the board by some small uniform percentage, and turn out the lights in state buildings when not in use.

She even advised to keep using old stationery with former Governor John Engler's name on it until it runs out.

Reporters and editors at *The Lansing State Journal* got into the swing of things, too, with a two-page spread listing 100 ways to cut spending and raise state revenue which they claim would produce \$1.7 billion -- almost enough to balance next year's looming budget deficit.

Some innovative ways to raise revenue included sell naming rights to state buildings like sports teams do, issue a special "Budget Crisis" license plate, sales tax on movie tickets and a 10 percent tax on tickets to college sports

events, a form of "user fee" for Canadian trash coming into Michigan.

They also suggested rescind pending cuts in the state income tax, raise the beer tax and diesel fuel tax, sell the state fairgrounds in Detroit and Escanaba as well as the conservation conference center at Higgins Lake, higher penalties for tax cheats, continue the state inheritance tax, higher fees at state parks.

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MOST OF THE 100 ideas in *The Lansing Journal*, however, were ways to save money.

Leading the list was lower pay for top state officials -- getting top elected state officials to surrender voluntarily the 40 percent pay raise over the last two years.

That includes legislators, the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, supreme court justices, and judges throughout the state.

Both the executive office and legislature should "set an example" by harsh budget cuts in their own operations, the newspaper suggested. It's always a good

idea to lead by doing.

Other suggestions were to close tourist welcome stations and the state film office, eliminate funding for the state board of education, early prisoner release, provide three fewer holidays for state workers and rescind scheduled state pay hikes, take away state subsidies to Amtrack, eliminate the state racing commissioner and state subsidies for a variety of horse racing purses, and on and on.

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THE POINT IS that anybody can produce lots of ways to cut state government spending or raise more money.

If a handful of reporters and editors can figure out 100 ways to cut spending and raise money and almost balance the budget, surely the folks solving the world's problems at coffee klatches around the state every morning can come up with innovative ideas, too. It's a game everyone can play.

Getting budget balancing ideas enacted into law can be an entirely different

challenge, however.

Consider that the controlling Republican leadership in the Michigan House of Representatives decided their 62 members need another \$5,000 a year for each GOP member to run his/her office.

In the real spirit of austerity, we presume, they decided the \$5,000 per office increase applies only to Republicans. No Democrats allowed. The 47 Democrats will have to make do with \$97,500 to run their offices.

Ignoring for the moment the question of fairness, with deficits at hand in the current budget and potential financial disaster looming in the new budget, this action defies both reason and responsibility.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan)

Hometown Defense: Supporting local men and women on the frontlines

When our nation first fought for its freedom, a group of patriots banded together in defense of their hometowns. They were called the Minutemen because on a moment's notice they were ready to respond to an attack.

September the 11th showed us that the tradition of the Minutemen -- and women -- continues today. Within moments of the attack on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon, local police, firefighters, paramedics and public safety and emergency management officials were on the scene trying to save lives and minimize the damage.

They were -- and remain -- on the front lines of hometown defense in this new war against terrorism.

For the past several months, I have been traveling throughout Michigan meeting with the public safety officials who have been given the mission of trying to prevent an attack or being the first on

the scene to save lives if one occurs.

From the Upper Peninsula to Detroit, I heard the same message over and over: "Help us get the training, personnel and equipment we need to protect the people we need to protect, and help us meet our obligations in the face of these new threats to our communities."

And I'm sure this plea is being repeated by state and local authorities across the nation. Look at all we are asking them to defend: Almost 600,000 bridges, 170,000 drinking water systems, more than 2,800 power plants -- 104 of them nuclear -- 190,000 miles of natural gas pipelines, 463 skyscrapers, nearly 20,000 miles of border -- and that doesn't count the thousands of airports, stadiums, miles of train tracks, the food supply and schools that serve more than 285 million people spread out over 3,717,792 square miles.

To get our hometown defenders the resources they need, I have co-

sponsored the Homeland Security Block Grant Act of 2003. This proposed legislation would provide \$3.5 billion in financial support to state and local governments that are presently bearing the cost of increased security alone.

Of the total amount, \$2.1 billion will go directly to 1,000 counties, cities and towns that are judged most in danger of attack because of targets -- like nuclear power plants or fuel storage facilities -- that lie within their jurisdiction.

Almost \$1 billion will be awarded to the states with the obligation that they transfer that entire amount to their smaller communities where the threat of terrorism also seems large.

Finally, \$500 million will go to the states to help develop training and coordination plans, as well as better communications both within their state and across the nation.

There is certainly a global component to the war on terrorism.

That's why I supported a 10-percent increase in funding for the military in the Defense Department last year.

But, as 9-11 showed us, defense of our homeland begins right in our hometowns and I hope the Administration will get behind our efforts to give our modern-day Minutemen and Minutewomen the support they need.

Our homeland defense will only be as strong as the weakest link at the state and local levels. By providing our communities with the resources and tools they need to bolster emergency response efforts, strengthen local public health systems, and provide for other security initiatives, we will have a better-prepared home front and a stronger America.

Supporting our local law enforcement and rescue agencies in their new responsibilities is not only critical -- failure to do so could be catastrophic.

VIEWPOINT

Washington Notes from Senator Carl Levin

Dealing with unwelcome waste

Michigan is facing an intolerable situation with regard to the importation of waste from other states and Canada.

Canada is the largest source of waste imports to Michigan. Approximately 65 truckloads of waste come in to Michigan per day from Toronto alone, and an estimated 110-130 trucks come in from Canada each day.

This problem isn't going to get any better. Ontario's waste shipments are growing as the Toronto area signs new contracts for waste disposal here and closes its two remaining landfills. At the begin-

ning of 1999, the Toronto area was generating about 2.8 million tons of waste annually, about 700,000 tons of which were shipped to Michigan. By early this year, barring unforeseen developments, the entire 2.8 million tons will be shipped to Michigan for disposal.

Why can't Canada dispose of its trash in Canada? They say that after 20 years of searching they have not been able to find a suitable Ontario site for Toronto's garbage. Ontario has about 345,000 square miles compared to Michigan's 57,000 square miles.

With six times the land mass, that argument is laughable.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality estimates that, for every five years of disposal of Canadian waste at the current usage volume, Michigan is losing a full year of landfill capacity. The environmental impacts on landfills, including groundwater contamination, noise pollution and foul odors, are exacerbated by the significant increase in the use of our landfills from sources outside of Michigan.

I have teamed up with Senator Stabenow and Congressman Dingell to introduce legislation that would strengthen our ability to stop shipments of waste from Canada.

We have protections contained in a 17 year-old international agreement between the U.S. and Canada called the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste. The U.S. and Canada entered into this agreement in 1986 to allow the shipment of hazardous waste across the U.S./Canadian border for treatment, storage or disposal. In 1992, the two countries decided to add municipal solid waste to the agreement.

To protect both countries, the agreement requires notification of shipments to the importing country and it also provides that the importing country may withdraw

consent for shipments. Both reasons are evidence that these shipments were intended to be limited. However, the agreement's provisions have not been enforced by the United States.

Canada could not export waste to Michigan without the 1986 agreement, but the U.S. has not implemented the provisions that are designed to protect the people of Michigan. Although those of us that introduced this legislation believe that the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to enforce this agreement, they have not done so. Our bill would require the EPA to enforce the agreement.

In order to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Michigan and our environment, we must consider the impact of the importation of trash on state and local recycling efforts, landfill capacity, air emissions, road deterioration resulting from increased vehicular traffic and public health and the environment.

Our bill would require the EPA to consider these factors in determining whether to accept imports of trash from Canada. It is my strong view that such a review should lead the EPA to say "no" to the status quo of trash imports.

Senator Carl Levin (D) is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan

EDITOR

Evening on the Internet brings back old memories

To the editor,

I discovered the Grayling business list while surfing the Web this evening (February 8).

In 1950 and 1951, I was privileged to be a neighbor of Whitey Madsen while boarding at Mrs. William MacNeven's home. She was Spike MacNeven's mom. Little did I realize that Whitey would someday occupy the Editor's position at the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

The town jeweler, Floyd Davis, was my ham radio friend who lived a few doors away. Coincidentally, he sang at my father's funeral in 1964.

Having reached my declining years, I find myself surveying earlier and impressive years. Recently my thoughts wandered back to school days at GHS (Grayling High School) and my favorite teacher -- Mrs. Hansen of the English Department.

She had a unique gift of opening up shy people like me. Her

influence was most profound as she coached members of the annual Junior and Senior Play. Each night the curtain went up, we did our best -- not wanting to disappoint Mrs. Hansen.

Isn't this the idea, to be sought after in that honored profession? She helped implant and equip us with youthful idealism! No doubt my fellow students experienced a similar affinity with this dear person. She made us feel like she was one of us and we were somebody! She never talked down to us, even while exercising discipline.

It would be a unique experience and honor to correspond with old classmates via e-mail. I welcome also the opportunity of meeting ham radio operators from Grayling. My e-mail address is w6pss@aol.com.

David Olsen
Ramona, CA
Formerly of Shupac Lake
Lovells

Astronauts' spirits remain

To the editor,

We have all been affected by the (Space Shuttle) Columbia tragedy. These astronauts represented the best in all of us on this small planet.

Their passing has brought forth the rising of the American spirit once again. I remember the Challenger tragedy and of course 9/11 will always be there.

It was President John F. Kennedy who challenged us to enter into space exploration. There is a wall of honor at NASA where these courageous spirits who blazed a trail are listed. They made a significant contribution to the human condition and space exploration.

I am humbled by the outpouring of grief and respect for these brave space pioneers from all over the globe. Their example

and sacrifice should be the obvious goals of great and small nations. We need to fix many of the problems we face as a global community, all too numerous to list. This mission was of a scientific nature, geared toward research and these positive goals.

Let us celebrate their lives and the many contributions of former astronauts. It is up to us to emulate such courageous souls. They are what America is really all about, raising the rung once again while reaching for the stars. They shuttled into space on the Columbia and their spirits are still there. We can see them every time a small child marvels at a shooting star.

Theodore P. Gomez
Frederic

Letters to the Editor

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BRIEFS

Travelogue to visit mysterious India

The travelogue, "India - Beyond Imagining" will be presented by host Harlan Johnson on Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre on Michigan Avenue. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door and are \$7 for adults, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call 348-7146. The Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events' Travel and Adventure Series is made possible by a partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc. of Grayling.

Student Senate plans pop can drive

The Grayling High School Student Senate will hold a pop can drive to benefit the Grayling Nursing Centre on Sunday, February 16. Donate your return deposit cans at the collection site to be located at Glen's Market in Grayling from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The community is encouraged to support this service project.

Local Gun Board cancels meeting

The Crawford County Gun Board meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 19 has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 19. For more information, contact the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office.

No downhill at Ladies Night Out

The Grayling American Business Women's Association's (ABWA) "Ladies Night Out" scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Hanson Hills Recreation Area will not include downhill skiing as originally stated. The ski hill will be closed that evening. Cross country skiing is still planned. Call Hanson Hills at 348-9266 by February 13 to reserve ski boot rental, if necessary.

Writers' group forming in Grayling

The Headwaters Writers' Group is now forming. Founder Cathy Lester said she is looking for local writers to discuss writing poems, short stories, novels, plays, monologues, and routines. Meetings will be held once or twice each month on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. Those interested in joining or with questions may call Lester at (989) 348-8801.

Choir group presents 'Charlie Brown'

The Michelson Singers will present the Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, February 13-15 at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are available at the church office for \$5 each. All proceeds from the performances will help pay expenses when the Singers travel in June to Vermont for a performance at the von Trapp Mansion, Stowe Church and Burlington's city square. For more information, call 348-2974 or Director Howard Taylor at 348-5187.

Friends of Sheriff's Office forming

An organizational meeting of Friends of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will be held Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall. Any persons interested in forming and becoming members of this organization, whose goal will be to raise money to purchase needed equipment (such as a new patrol car) for the Sheriff's Office. Those interested, but unable to attend may call 348-8618 for more information.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m. in the back doctor's dining room cafeteria at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 821-5721.

GHS registration meeting planned

An informational meeting for parents of 8th grade students regarding registration for high school courses will be held Thursday, February 20 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School cafeteria. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their students' counselors, as well as the principal and vice principal. Topics to be covered will include curriculum, graduation requirements, co-curricular opportunities, and more.

Irish/Celtic group to perform at KCPA

"Gaelic Storm," an Irish/Celtic music and dance group, is returning to stage at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) on Saturday, February 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and \$16. For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or visit: www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

Secretary of State closed for holiday

All branches of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents Day and will reopen Tuesday, February 18 for regular business hours.

RAFFLE WINNERS

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Project Graduation begins pizza sale

Grayling High School senior students will be selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits to help defray the cost of Project Graduation. All monies raised will go directly into making the lock-in party a success.

For some graduates, Project Graduation will be the only graduation party they will have. Each graduate can go home with prizes won, gifts, and fond memories of this night.

Project Graduation 2002 was held at the Grayling Armory, with 121 graduates attending. Each student received a party bag filled with free coupons, game tickets, small gifts and a T-shirt commemorating the night.

Committee members chose the theme of the Flintstones for the 2002 class, and decorated the armory with a cave, dinosaurs and the "Flintmobile." Each graduate attending received a T-shirt embossed with, "Yabba-Dabba-Doo... Class of 2002." The all-night, chaperoned party was filled with games, music, food, prizes and entertainment. All of this was made possible by contributions and fund-raising efforts throughout the school year.

The Pizza Kit sale will began on

Monday, February 10 and will run through February 24. Kits include all the ingredients to create and bake delicious and nutritious pizza, bread sticks and cookies in your own home -- anytime, day or night. All kits are individually wrapped and can be frozen for future use.

All senior students are asked to participate in this fund-raiser. Delivery of orders will be Friday, February 28.

Anyone who would like to order a pizza kit from some of the committee members, contact: Deb Helsel at 275-5759, Sue Longendyke at 348-4920, or Michele Bugyi at 348-2816.

Anyone interested in becoming an active volunteer for Project Graduation should contact any one of the three ladies listed above, or attend meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School teachers' lounge. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12.

To make a donation by mail, make check payable to Project Graduation, and mail in care of Sue Longendyke, 208 North Park Drive, Grayling, MI 49738.

Public invited to discuss revision to forest plan

The U.S. Forest Service is asking the public to help revise the strategic management plan for the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

Forest Plans describe the desired condition for National Forests over a 10 to 15 year period. To participate in the revision process, attend any one of the public meetings scheduled this month or log on to the Forest Service website: www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf.

The Huron-Manistee held a series of "listening sessions" throughout the state in November to obtain comments regarding potential changes to the Forest Plan. At the February meetings, the Forest Service will share the comments they heard from the public and explain the revision process.

Public comments so far indicate the current Forest Plan is valid and requires only minor or moderate changes. Some management issues proposed for change include the Aspen/Early Successional Habitat, the Management of Fire, the Allowable Sale Quantity of Timber, and designation of Semiprimitive Areas.

The two national forests in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the Hiawatha and Ottawa, are also in the Forest Plan Revision process; their efforts will also be discussed.

The goal of the Forest Plan Revision process is to formulate a management plan which reflects the needs and desires of the public. Public participation is critical to this process.

The upcoming meetings will be held 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. as follows:

February 18 at the Best Western Conference Center in Cadillac; February 19 at the Pleasant Plains Township Hall in Baldwin, and Chittenden Environmental Center in Wellston; February 20 at the Mio Community Center in Mio, and the Oscoda Library in Oscoda.

For further information, contact the Forest Planning staff at (231) 775-2421 or visit the Forest Service website stated previously.

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The Bible Speaks

Reagan's Fairness for God

Again we reference this review of Ronald Reagan's fairness for freedom. to quotes from Reagan's War, The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer. Ronald Reagan believed strongly in the fairness of the American people and even those behind the iron curtain to make fair decisions when confronted with truth. He said, "We have spent 170 years in this country on the basis that democracy is strong enough to stand up and fight against the inroads of any ideology," he said, "I believe that, as Thomas Jefferson put it, if all the American people know all of the facts they will never make a mistake."

Although he hesitated to criticize him, Reagan was uncomfortable with Senator Joseph McCarthy's approach of blanket stereotyping groups of Americans as known Communists. He believed "red-baiting" and "black-listing" of Americans was grossly unfair. Reagan believed our threat from the Communists was from their "tactics" more than their "ideology." He believed the Communists by masking their agenda "had fooled some otherwise loyal Americans into believing that the Communist Party sought to make a better world." Reagan believed Americans needed to take a more positive offensive and expose the evils of Communism by promoting our democratic principles based upon truth and freedom.

Reagan believed the Communists

were taking "advantage of our constitutional freedom to plot the death of that constitution. They are trying to operate on a "can't lose, basis. For example, if we get so frightened that we suspend our traditional democratic freedoms in order to fight them they still have won. They have shown that democracy won't work when the going gets tough." Because McCarthy was fighting Communist ideology, Reagan said he was "using a shotgun when he should have been using a rifle. He went with a scatter gun and he lumped together fellow travelers, innocent dupes, and hard-core Communists." Reagan believed Communist ideology had no appeal to those free, intelligent, and strong, but rather to the ignorant, weak and neurotic. Reagan respected those Americans who later admitted they had been duped and used, then switched sides. He also knew many only stayed in the party out of fear.

Reagan had the same attitude of fairness and respect toward those millions of people forced to live under Communism behind the iron curtain. Reagan remembered the testimony of Whittaker Chambers about his bout with communism; how he overcame the fear of party discipline while watching his daughter sleep at night. He realized only God could have created the delicate features of her little ear. His fear was gone and he switched sides. Reagan became aware of the strong religious sentiment rest-

ing in the hearts of millions of dissidents behind the iron curtain. He supported Solidarity in Poland and did everything in his power to awaken the masses living under communism. As Reagan said of the communists, "But none not one regime has yet been able to risk free elections. Regimes planted by bayonets do not take root." Reagan became a hero to those behind the iron curtain not only because of his faith in God, but also his faith in the people that God created. Faith, freedom, and fairness are still our keys to victory. Pastor "B"

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State unveils cemetery database

The Library of Michigan has unveiled the new Michigan Cemetery Sources database, offering genealogists, historians, and researchers online access to information about cemeteries in Michigan.

The database, located at <http://michigan.cemeteries.librar.yofmichigan.org> or www.michigan.gov/hal, identifies the location of over 3,700 Michigan cemeteries and lists sources at the Library of Michigan where the researcher can find the names of those buried in each cemetery.

"The Library of Michigan has an incredible collection of

genealogy materials, one of the largest in the nation, and this database provides another tool for navigating those resources," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. "We are committed to improving access to genealogy materials and will continue to help researchers find information by making it available online."

The database is searchable by cemetery name, county, township, specific location and keyword. The record for each cemetery contains detailed information about its location and whether the Library of Michigan owns a transcription

of the cemetery.

A transcription is a listing of persons buried at a cemetery, taken either from cemetery records or copied directly from the headstones.

Transcription sources may also include sexton's records, obituaries, or other historical information.

The Library of Michigan will continually update the database as cemetery sources are added to its collection, and potential plans to expand it in the future include scanning the pages from transcriptions, with the publisher's permission, and linking each cemetery to an online map.

Gospel concert part of Winterfest 2003

Area churches, in conjunction with Winterfest 2003, are hosting a Southern Gospel Concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 15 in the Roscommon High School Auditorium.

This concert is open to every adult wearing a Winterfest 2003 badge, and children will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult with a badge.

Featured in the concert will

be Bay City's Dennis Gwizdala, a southern gospel singer, songwriter and soprano saxophonist. Along with him, the Sammons Brothers gospel group, out of Woodhaven, will perform.

Rounding out the music ministry that night will be local group, Brothers With a Vision, made up of Jesse Carlson of Roscommon, and two Assembly of God pastors, Brad Withrow of Gladwin and Lawrence Cook

of Roscommon.

Winterfest 2003 badges will be available at the door for the cost of \$5 each. Other items will be available for purchase at the door, such as Winterfest 2003 sweatshirts and hats, as well as CDs and cassettes of gospel music.

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John 3:1-21	John 10:1-21	John 13:1-20	John 13:21-35	John 15:1-17	John 3:11-24	John 4:7-21

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Saturday.....9:30 am
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Saturday.....10:30 am
Prayer Meeting
Tuesday.....7 pm

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Sunday School.....10 am
Morning Service.....11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

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Adult and Youth
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Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday.....7 pm

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Evening Service.....6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
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Sunday
Worship.....10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President David Page
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Sacrament.....10 am
Sunday School.....11 am
Primary.....11 am
Priesthood.....12 noon
Relief Society.....12 noon

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Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
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Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday Service &
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Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

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Church Schol.....9:45 am
Preaching.....11 am
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

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Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am
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Scripture Study
(Sundays).....9:15 am
Daily Masses.....9:30 am
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
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Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

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Sunday Worship.....11 am
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Wednesday
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Abundant Life Tabernacle
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Sunday
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

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Evening Service.....6 pm
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

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Sunday School.....9 am
Sunday Service.....10 am

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
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Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
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Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm
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Wednesday.....7 pm

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Saturday Worship.....5:00 pm
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

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Board votes 6-1 to close FES

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The following is the complete text of the speech John Pilon read at the Monday night school board meeting. He stressed these were his comments, not those of the school board.

"The Crawford AuSable school district is facing a \$220,000 budgetary shortfall this school year and a \$1.5 million shortfall for next year. The superintendent is recommending the school board mothball the Frederic Elementary School and send the students to Grayling as a means of starting the budget balancing process.

"Many people have contacted me, from around the district regarding this issue, though

most have been from the Frederic area. Some people were very concerned for their children. They wondered if their special needs would be addressed or they were concerned that their children would get lost in the system in Grayling. I assured them that their children's needs would be met as well as they were at Frederic Elementary. I assured them that the children would not get lost in the system. Our district is just not that large or unfriendly where kids get lost. In fact, the size of our district is somewhat the issue here: our district's loss of students is necessitating the consolidation of buildings.

"There were some who contacted me with concerns for their property values, their businesses, their sense of community or sentimentality. While I empathize with their concerns, the school district's first obligation is educating the children of the district. And that means running a district that is on solid financial footing.

"Even in good financial times, it would not be prudent to operate a building that is only being partially used.

"School board members have only two main responsibilities: setting policy on how the district is to operate and keeping the district financially solvent. I, and the other members, take

those responsibilities very seriously.

"I have listened to everyone's concerns. I do care about their concerns. If someone feels hurt over this issue, it's not because I don't care. But, I don't want to have a school district that shirks its fiscal responsibilities. I don't want a school district that digs itself into a financial hole that may take years to get out of. I don't want to saddle this district with financial obligations that can be avoided now.

"My vote on this issue is reasonable, sensible and responsible. I have to vote in accordance with the superintendent's recommendations. It is the right thing to do."

Little Gypsy lives up to her name

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"We were overwhelmed with the amount of calls in response to the flyers reporting sightings of Gypsy. It got to the point that we could actually track her movements, but no one could catch her," Jeri said.

Finally, she was found Thursday afternoon, just before 3 p.m., three miles south of M-72 East on Chase Bridge Road -

- very far away from her Lake Margrethe home.

"Only with the help of people from the Saw Mill bar, the Two Track Inn, two lady postal carriers, the County Road Commission and Caid's Grocery in Lovells, we were able to recover Gypsy," Dick said. "It was a tremendous effort by all who helped including those who called and said

they hoped we would find our dog soon."

From the sightings, Jeri said they figured four-year old Gypsy traveled at least 25 miles over six days. "She had no frostbite or bloody paws. Our vet, Dr. (Wayne) Casler said she was in good shape, even though she had been spayed not too long before her disappearance."

She added, "There is such a

great amount of animal lovers in this community and people are just so nice. We just want people to know how much we appreciate their help and concern."

Jeri reports that Gypsy has been staying pretty close to home since her little adventure and probably won't be going out on another field trip any time soon.

City's ice rink may be relocated

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Wellman suggests the new rink be located at the site of the new Grayling city and fire hall. Construction equipment is already on hand, he said, and the location would remedy the problem of providing water to build up the rink each winter. The construction of a warming building would also be possible.

Because the current rink is located on school property, Wellman said the City of

Grayling doesn't want to invest money into something it doesn't own and the area now being used needs to be leveled. "It takes a month to build up the ice to make up for a three-foot drop in the current pond," Wellman said. "I can think of no better place than the new fire hall site for the rink. Whenever the rink would need a spray of water, it could easily be handled by a pumper truck."

The Crawford AuSable School

District is facing a huge budget crunch, so Wellman said there is no money there to rectify the \$30,000-\$40,000 problem.

Wellman said the SeaBees have offered to build a new rink, free of charge. "The initial construction would cost the city nothing and a warming house could be built," Wellman has approached the Grayling City Council on the matter but has made no decision in the matter to date.



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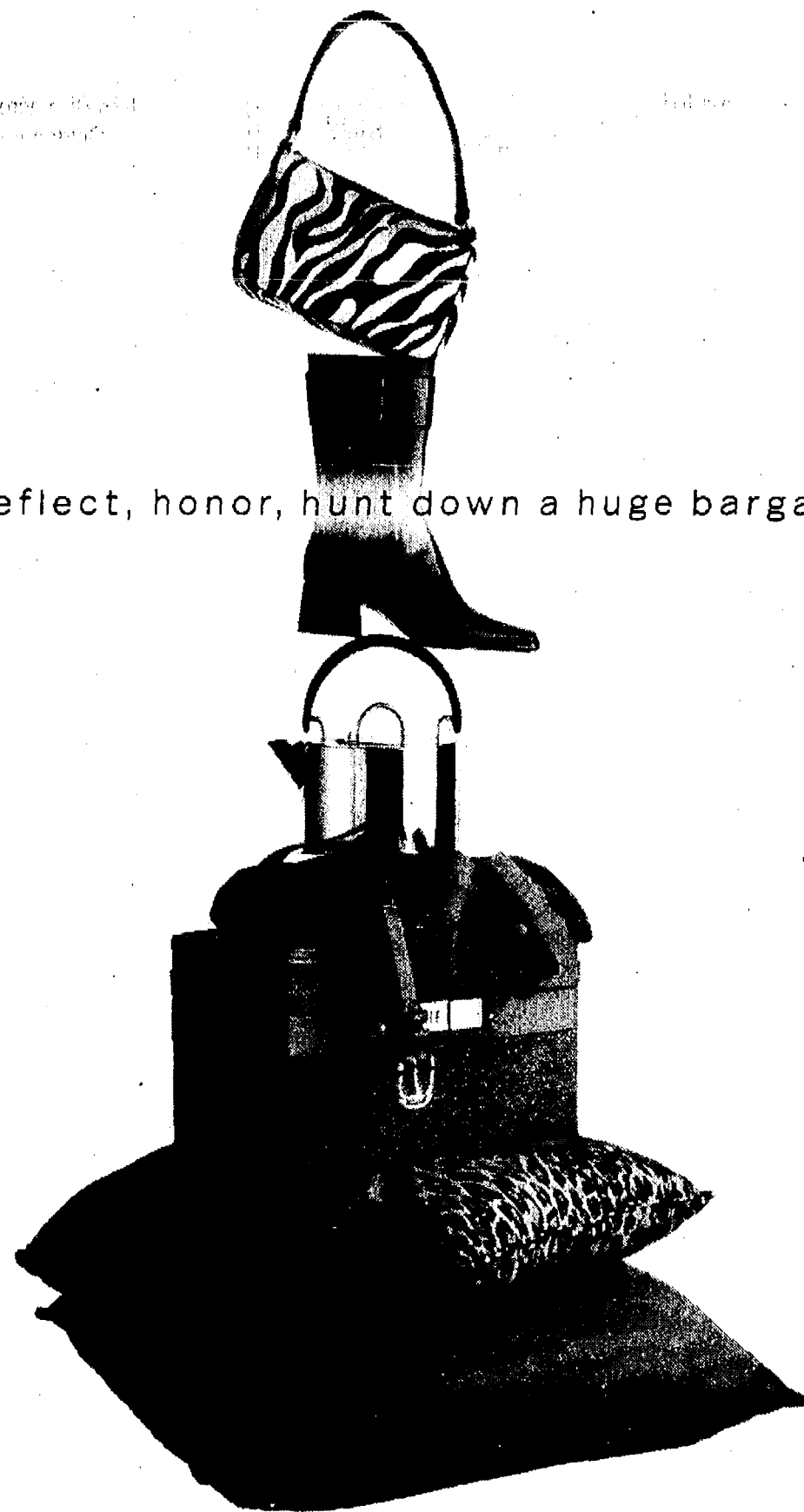
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Deputy says he owes his life to the Sheriff

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the fire panel installation have burst into flames or caught fire.

"I really owe my life to the Sheriff," Alexander said. "He didn't have to have the recall work done, but he cares enough about us to make sure it happened. I am so glad to work for Sheriff Kirk Wakefield. I don't want to work for anyone else and hope I can retire out of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office."

Miraculously, Alexander received only minor injuries, though the patrol car he was driving was a total loss. He believes his bullet-proof vest may have kept him from breaking some ribs and receiving internal injuries when he hit the steering wheel.

Alexander has nothing but praise for everyone who came to his aid, especially Frederic Fire and Rescue personnel who used the Jaws of Life to get him out of his demolished car. "Everyone from Frederic and MMR were so professional and made me very comfortable."

Earlier in the day, Alexander and other Sheriff's personnel worked traffic control on I-75, just south of Grayling, when a semi-tractor trailer truck became disabled in the highway's passing lane.

Alexander said at that time he was concerned for his safety and others as the snow kept falling and traffic passed by. About two hours later, 51-year old Robert Peter of Ron's Towing in Gaylord, arrived to

take the semi off the road. It was Peter's tow truck that later struck Alexander on his way back to Gaylord.

Michigan State Police Trooper Matt Wilt reported Peter saw the flashing lights of the patrol car, but lost control of his wrecker, slamming into the car.

He was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions. Peter was not injured.

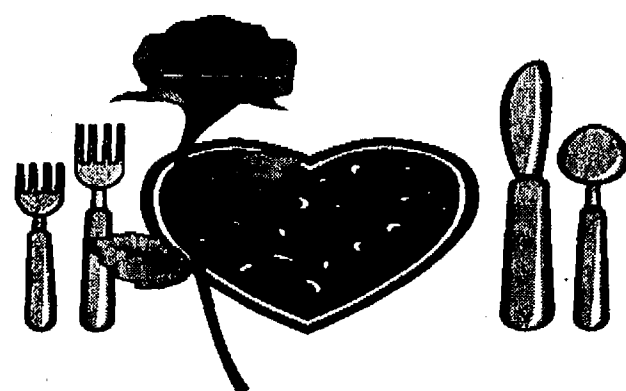
In another twist to the story, the driver Alexander ticketed ended up being an EMT who stabilized the deputy while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Aaron Plant, age 26 out of Perrysburg, Ohio, was traveling north on I-75 on his way to his assigned duty station in St. Ignace. He is an active

member of the U.S. Coast Guard.

His driving violation was forgiven in light of his efforts at the scene and the Sheriff's Office has sent a letter on to Plant's commanding officer commending the young man for his assistance.

Alexander said Plant "is a very nice guy" and helped out in the first moments after the crash and until he was extricated.

Deputy Alexander said he is doing fine now, is anxious to get back to work, and expects to return Monday, February 17. "I feel good knowing someone was watching out for me that day," he said. "And I am ready to get back to serving the people of Crawford County."



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GMS names January Students of the Month



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Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for January are, from left: (front) Geo Gasser, Nathan Parens, Angus Estep, Megan Morris, Heather Peever, Sierra Reynolds; (middle) Andrea Howe, Rachel Sells, Rachel Gibbs, Sheena Russell, Lacey Kirk, J.R. Dean, Bob Ramaswamy, Michael Zill, Dan O'Connor, A.J. Anter; (back) Sarah Lange, Chelsea Hanson, Tiffany Henderson, Jamie Hagerman, Ross Teeple, Keith Revord, Justin Riehle, Kelly Cousineau, Brett Prieskorn. Not pictured: Jessica Fisk, Nick Fitzpatrick, Jessica Hoppe, Cassie Pizzi, Cody Malone.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencings for January, 2003

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Todd Clark Harmer, age 42 of Grayling - Controlled substance obtained by fraud; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$350 attorney fee, \$300 court costs, drivers license suspended for 180 days, and placed on 18 months probation.

Amy Marie Hart, age 30 of Roscommon - Probation violation; 80 days in jail with credit for 28 days served, discharged from probation without improvement.

Robert Allen Varco, age 34 of Frederic - Operating - OUIL/per se Third Offense; 180 days in jail with credit for two days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$500 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, placed on 24 months probation and ordered to receive outpatient substance abuse treatment.

Hon. Richard J. Liedel

Patrick James Fisher, age 25 of Grayling - Break and enter with intent; 330 days in jail with credit

for 66 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, restitution ordered in an amount to be determined, and placed on 24 months probation.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

John R. Ockerman, age 43 of Grayling - Operating - OUIL/per se Third Offense; 270 days in jail with credit for 18 served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$300 court costs, \$500 fine, and \$350 attorney fee; vehicle used

in offense ordered immobilized or forfeited; placed on 24 months probation, and ordered to perform 60 days of community service.

Hon. John G. Hunter

Matthew Rogel, age 37 of Alger - Alter or forge document; 90 days in jail with credit for one day served held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$250 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, and placed on 24 months probation.

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Girl Scouts to honor WUPS-FM's co-owner

For the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay, it is the highest salute to today's successful women and an award that marks 'laudable achievement.'

The co-owner of a Houghton Lake radio station has been named one of 10 recipients of the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay's 2003 Women of Distinction Award, recognizing accomplished women who are outstanding business and community leaders.

Sindy Winkler, of Houghton Lake, partner/owner of WUPS-FM radio, began her northern Michigan media career with WUPS 98.5 FM radio as an account executive in 1990 and quickly became a top salesperson. She was then promoted to sales manager and general manager. In 1999, Winkler became an ownership partner of the station.

Her success is the result of over 20 years of hands-on sales experience that began in California selling products and services. Winkler, the mother of two, was one of the first women to work as a manufacturer's representative selling products to heating and cooling wholesalers. In 1981, she founded, owned and operated Sindtrans, a successful airfreight trucking company.

In addition to WUPS, she owns and manages a number of real estate rental properties and is actively involved in her community and church. Winkler's civic service has included serv-

ing on the boards of Roscommon United Way, Houghton Lake Rotary, New Day Preschool, and Friends Helping Friends.

She is the current president of the Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce and vice president of the Council of Catholic Women for Our Lady of the Lake parish.

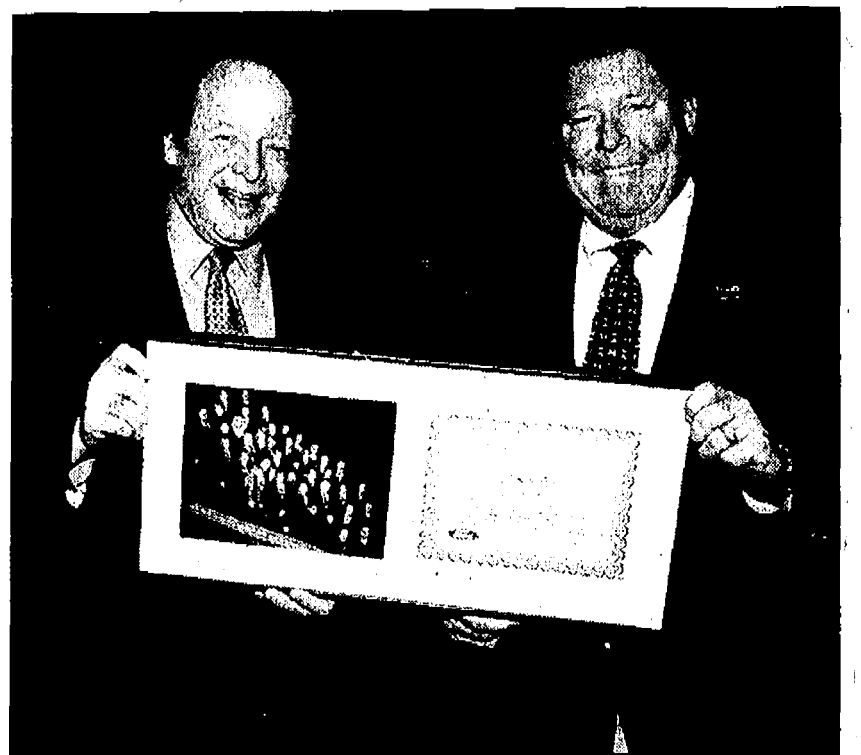
Winkler's other volunteer and fund-raising activities include: United Way campaign chairperson, Habitat for Humanity, Rotary Bike Rodeo, Houghton Lake Rotary Track Meet, Children's Immunization Fair, CMU Public Television Festival 95, Houghton Lake Football and Cheerleading Association, OLLS Home and School Association, and Tip-Up-Town USA Polar Bear Dip chairperson.

Winkler and the other nine awardees were selected from across the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay's 21 counties in central northwest lower Michigan (including Mackinac Island and the Thumb).

The Women of Distinction awards presentation ceremony and dinner tribute for the honorees is Wednesday, February 19 at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw.

The Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay serves about 7,000 girls, age four to 17 years, and 2,000 adult volunteers. For more information, call 1-800-968-1185 or log on to: www.mitten-bay.org.

Dealership manager attends seminars



Mike Duffy, General Manager of Scott McNamara Ford of Grayling (right), recently took part in a seminar for new dealers in Dearborn. Ford Motor Company conducted the four days of meetings and facility tours, focusing on customer satisfaction. Here, Duffy receives a framed certificate and seminar class photo from Edsel B. Ford II, a senior Ford executive.

Kirtland's Cosmetology Department now offers gift certificates

Kirtland's burgeoning Cosmetology Department has begun offering gift certificates for its wide variety of hair, nail and skin-care services in its newly remodeled salon.

"Just in time for Valentine's Day," cosmetology instructor Mary Scott-Rom said.

With 51 students compared to just six a few years ago, cosmetology is one of the college's fastest-growing programs, featuring a new skin-care curriculum that already has six full-

time students. Because of the increase in students, there sometimes aren't enough clients to go around, even though costs are as low as \$4 for a shampoo and styling. Kirtland's salon, re-designed from the floor to ceiling after \$47,000 in renovations, accepts walk-ins as well as appointments.

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Paving company wins national award

► Rieth-Riley wins national quality award; in running for more

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced recently that Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. of Prudenville, has won a 2002 Quality in Construction Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement.

The company received the award at a special ceremony on January 15 at the Association's 48th Annual Convention in San Diego, California.

The Quality in Construction Awards recognize Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavements of excellence. "NAPA selects the recipients of its paving awards using a known set of standards that have been shown to give a good result," said David B. Carlson, Chairman of the NAPA Board of Directors. "This award demonstrates the high quality of work the HMA industry is achieving."

Rieth-Riley received the recognition for its work on an 8.5 kilometer section of US-127 in Clare County.

The company milled the four-lane highway in four days, then placed 22,500 tons of HMA in just eight days. It had to work around north/south weekend restrictions on lane closures. From start to finish, the project took just two weeks.

Additionally, NAPA said Rieth-Riley has been named a finalist in the 2002 NAPA Sheldon G. Hayes Award competition for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement.

The company was nominated

for this award for the reconstruction of a 4.47 mile stretch of I-75 near Roscommon, a route heavily traveled by people heading to tourist destinations in northern Michigan. Under the terms of its contract, Rieth-Riley had to keep certain lanes open to traffic three days a week or face penalties for lane closures.

The company did everything it could to move the job as quickly as possible, including running several operations concurrently. Rieth-Riley completed the project ahead of schedule while achieving a ride quality index of 13.3. The company received 91.3 percent of the total possible for Quality Assurance/Density/Ride bonuses.

"I've been doing this work for 28 years, and I've never had a job that clicked like this," said Tim O'Rourke, area manager for Rieth-Riley. "Everything had to go right, and it did. We had four months of winter before this project started to prepare ourselves, and we built the job in our heads a dozen times during that time. When it came to actually making it happen, we were well prepared."

The Sheldon G. Hayes Award winner is determined through a two-year process. Highway pavement projects using more than 50,000 tons of HMA are eligible for consideration. Initially, they must win a Quality in Construction (QIC) Award, which is determined by numerical scores given by pavement engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) on the basis of how well the contractor met the specifications and achieved density on the finished pavement. All the pavements that meet a benchmark figure are given the QIC award.

The year after a project wins a QIC Award, it may be considered for the Sheldon G. Hayes Award. The top-ranked projects from each year are tested for smoothness, experience in the industry. This year, the evaluators praised the contestants for high-quality construction practices resulting in smooth, safe, and durable pavements.

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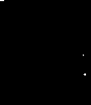



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Kirtland, Lake Superior State enter agreement

► Accelerated degree program now offered to business students

Kirtland Community College and Lake Superior State University have agreed on a unique articulation agreement leading to bachelor's degrees in business administration.

Students can complete their four-year degrees in either marketing or management through an accelerated degree program that allows students to take their first five semesters of credit at Kirtland and the final three semesters in a single calendar year at Lake Superior State. A public university of 3,200 students, Lake Superior State is in Sault Ste. Marie, less than a three-hour drive north of Kirtland's Roscommon campus.

Both college presidents, Dr. Betty Youngblood of Lake Superior State and Dr. Charles Rorie of Kirtland, signed the agreement with other college officials Thursday at Kirtland.

"We think this is a very important agreement for us because it allows us to serve more students by making it easier to transfer," Youngblood said.

"This will be a great advantage to our students," Rorie said,



Photo courtesy of Kirtland Community College

From left, KCC Dean of Instruction and Educational Services Richard Silverman, Dr. Charles Rorie, KCC president; Dr. Betty Youngblood, LSSU president; and LSSU Provost Bruce Harger sign an articulation agreement to offer business students an accelerated degree program.

"because it allows them to take all but the last year here."

Dr. Judith Grenkowitz, Kirtland business instructor who helped negotiate the agreement, already has begun to advise students on the advantages of transferring to Lake Superior State. Kirtland has other such articulation with private colleges, where tuition costs are much higher.

"Students can save a great deal in tuition expenses, which can be a financial drag at some of the

private institutions," she said.

Richard Silverman, Kirtland's dean of instruction and educational services, and Lake Superior State Provost Bruce Harger also believe Kirtland students will enjoy Lake Superior State because it will allow them to remain in Northern Michigan -- and at a smaller institution.

The "five and three" agreement -- five semesters at Kirtland and three at Lake Superior State, is a first for both schools, offi-

cials said.

Kirtland and Lake Superior also have an articulation agreement for criminal justice students.

For more information about the business administration transfer program, phone Lake Superior's John Erkkila at (888)-800-5778, Ext. 2108, or Kirtland's Grenkowitz at (989) 275-5000, Ext. 219. Visit the colleges' websites at: www.kirtland.edu and www.lssu.edu.

Irish/Celtic dance group to perform at KCPA

A February 22 performance of "Gaelic Storm" is scheduled at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, sponsored by Bank One.

According to Gary Carton, Director of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, it is because of local business support that the Kirtland Center is able to bring national entertainment groups to the Center to perform for local audiences.

Nominated as "performers of the year" in 1999 and 2000 by

the National Association of Campus Activities, Gaelic Storm -- an Irish/Celtic group -- has garnered a huge following among college students from Hawaii to New Hampshire. A mini-documentary about Gaelic Storm airs regularly on cable and

satellite paid channel Cinemax, and the band has appeared numerous times on national TV.

Gaelic Storm has thundered onto stages around the world, astounding audiences with their explosive performance.

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Band" in the blockbuster hit movie Titanic, Gaelic Storm has proven they can keep the party rocking long after the credits have rolled. Their dynamic stage show features rousing, upbeat vocals, wild energetic dance tunes, haunting ballads and infectious madcap humor.

Featuring new songs, new attitude and new members, along with original members Steve Twigger, Shep Lonsdale, Stephen Wehmeyer, and Patrick Murphy.

Gaelic Storm will be in concert on February 22 at 8 p.m. at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College. For ticket reservations, call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or check out the KCPA web site at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

Kirtland selected for study

ROSCOMMON -- Kirtland Community College has been selected for a study as a model of exemplary practices in the engagement of service learning, college officials announced recently.

The results of the visit and ensuing study will be published and distributed nationally in a monograph of models of engagement for community colleges, said Nick Holton, who coordinates Kirtland's service-learning program.

Service learning, Holton explained, involves the process of incorporating community service projects into regular classroom work so that not only are students learning, but they're doing something worthwhile for

the community, as well.

"You can learn to hammer things together in a lab," Holton said, "or, as part of a service-learning project, you can help build a house for the Habitat for Humanity, like our students at the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord."

The National Campus Compact, headquartered at Brown University, in Providence, RI, will visit the Roscommon campus soon to interview key people in Kirtland's service learning program, including faculty, academic and administration leaders.

For more information about Kirtland Community College's service learning programs, phone (989) 275-5000, Ext. 412.

New nursing program to be available online

ROSCOMMON -- Kirtland Community College's renowned nursing program has marshaled its forces with two other colleges to offer a new "RN from LPN Online Program" beginning this fall.

The new program, the result of an alliance between Kirtland, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Monroe County Community College, was approved recently by the Michigan State Board of Nursing and is available to LPNs who have completed prerequisite courses, said Kirtland Associate Dean Karen Brown.

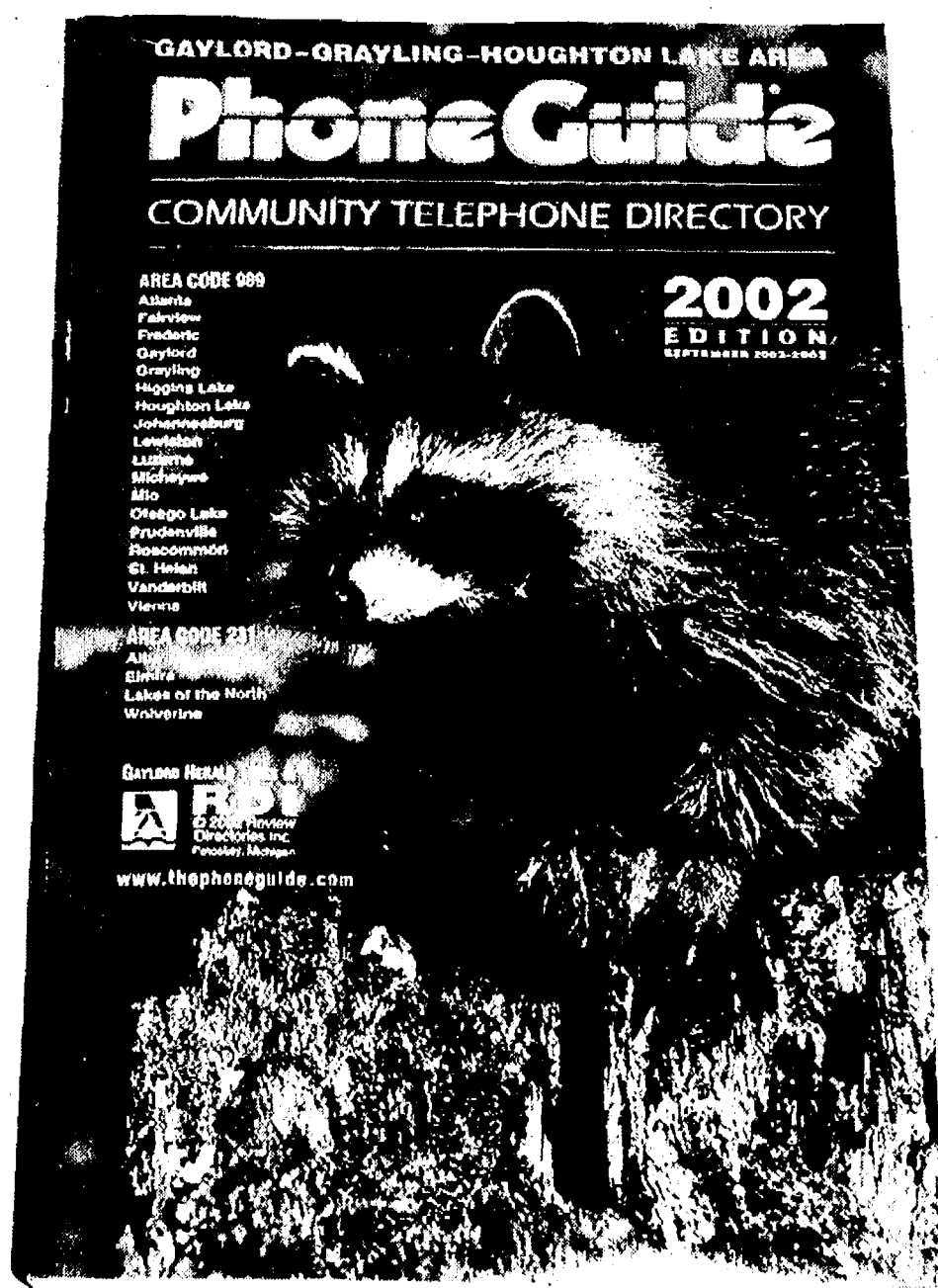
It's a one-year program that is provided largely, though not completely, online. The three colleges received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation through the Michigan Community College Collaborative to develop the program.

"This program will enable many LPNs to return to school to become prepared for registered nurse licensure, many who would be unable to attend a traditional college nursing program," Brown said.

Interested LPNs who would like to learn more should watch their mailbox. All LPNs in Michigan soon will receive information in the mail about the program. It has been approved to accept 45 students each year, but will begin this fall by admitting up to 25 students, Brown said.

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OBITUARIES

Lulu Belle Zacek

Sept. 5, 1936 - Feb. 6, 2003

Lulu Belle Zacek, age 66, of Roscommon, died Thursday, February 6 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. She was born on September 5, 1936 in McBain to William and Susie (Wheeler) Pollington.

The former Lulu Belle Pollington was married to Joseph Zacek on July 28, 1972 in Flint.

Mrs. Zacek, previously from Mt. Morris, lived in Grayling for 20 years and was a homemaker who loved to crochet, sew and watch television. She also liked to travel and play bingo. She was a member of the Grayling Moose Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Susie Pollington; two sisters, Fae Van Haitsma and Dorothy Bowling; two brothers, Ray Pollington and Harold Pollington.

Surviving Mrs. Zacek is her husband, Joseph, two daughters, Ruth (Marco) Dias of Clinton Township, Kathy (Gary) Erway of Flint, four sons, Billy (Lila) Canfield of Sand Lake, Richard Canfield of Hardyville, VA, Jerry (Cathy) Canfield of Richmond VA, Tim (Tina) Canfield of Elmira; 15 grandchildren; two great granddaughters; one sister, Ethylene (Harold) Anderson of Roseville; four brothers, Bernard (Ann) Pollington of Marion, Claude (Ruth) Pollington of Marion, Lyle (Alice) Pollington of McBain and Les Pollington of McBain.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 9 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Chaplain Karen Henderlong officiated. Burial was at Beaver Creek Township Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

John Hudaski

Jan. 10, 1924 - Dec. 24, 2002

John Hudaski, age 78, of Grayling, died December 24, 2002.

Military honors will be conducted Saturday, February 15 at 12 noon, in the chapel at Fairview Cemetery, St. Helen.

Arrangements Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 65 complaints the week of February 3-9:

Fourteen traffic accidents, two accidents - all other, two civil matter disputes - family trouble, one suspicious situation, one lost and found property, 18 general non-criminal, one delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, six false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, three larceny, one motor vehicle theft, one damage to property, one child neglect, five public peace/disorderly, one operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL)/unlawful blood alcohol level (UBAL), three health and safety, one driving violations/driving while license suspended (DWLS), etc., one driving on revoked/suspended/refused license, one fail to file PL & PD insurance.

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For Edward C. Kucharek from Cornell Agency Inc. *MacArthur's World and Dogs Have the Strangest Friends*.

For Catherine Morgan from Pat and Peter Schmid *Fishing Lure Collectibles, Fishing Essentials For Dummies, Complete Idiot's Guide To Fishing Basics*.

For Cindy Calkins from W. Jack and Kathleen Lund *Cake Mix Doctor*.

For Harold Jostock from Friends of The American Legion *Tanks, Military Trucks, Humvees*.

For John D. Voelker from Adam J. Tsloff *Trout Madness*.

For Frances Fick from Don and Rae Ann Schanz, *Making Decorative Boxes*, from George

and Evelyn Kent, *Style On A Budget and Better Homes and Gardens Gifts To Make*, and from County Line Antiques *Club Beautiful Roses, Ragwork, Children's Gardens*.

Many memorials were received for Merle Carlson, donors included Arlene Czuba, Paul Lerg, Carole & Marvin Hallett, Geraldine & Douglas Fleming, Ron & Carolyn Rakoczy, Bob & Mat Mullenix, Charlotte & Dexter Oliver, James & Doris Davis, Robert & Sonya Carlson, Jim & Joyce Kolka, Jim & Nancy Hatfield, Lynn Morris, Kurt & Diane Kolka, Jolene Amo, Wendell & Christina Mitchell, Hobby Club Gals & Friends, Sherri Cole and Grayling Lioness Clubs. Items purchased are *Hawaii, Just Give Me Jesus, Princess Aasta, Night Dancer, Jam and Jelly, Chesapeake Blue, Owen Foote Super Spy, Nory Ryan's Song, Amber Brown Wants Extra*

Credit, Young Cam Jansen and the Lost Tooth, Cam Jansen and the School Play, Locked In the Library, Snow Queen, Secret Life of Amanda K. Woods.

For Reverend William A. Fraser from Don and Rae Ann Schanz *A Long Way From Home*, from Friends Jewish *Encyclopedia Of Mortal and Ethical Issues, Build Me An Ark, Journey Of the Pink Dolphins, Future of Life, Shamans of Prehistory*.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

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February:

12 - Stuffed Peppers/Hamburger Stroganoff; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Exercise and Line Dancing 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Crafts at 1:00 p.m.; CPU Class at 3:30 p.m.; Birthday Dinner at 5 p.m. and White Elephant at 5:30 p.m.

13 - BBQ Beef Sandwich/Chicken Potpie; Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Adult Ed Class at 1 p.m. and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

14 - Happy Valentines to Everyone.

Pork Chops/No Dinner; Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite at 12:30; Pantry Bingo

and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

15 - Pool League at 12 noon.
16 - Pancake Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

17 - Spaghetti and Meatballs/Stuffed Cabbage; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; meeting of the whole at Library and Hangman COA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

18 - Hamburger on Bun/Chicken Ala King; Pick up your Te-Fap at the American Legion from 9-12 (use back door), Euchre Club at 1 p.m., Speaker Author Ida Mae Ireland at 5 p.m.

19 - Beef Stew/Liver; Hearing Clinic by Appointment, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Exercise and Line Dancing; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study; Stag Cards at 1 p.m.; Crafts at 1 p.m.; CPU Class at 3:30 p.m. and Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thought for the week:

When I dream of the perfect dream, when I wake, I realize I have to work for the perfect dream.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 37 complaints during the period from February 2-9:

One misdemeanor citation, one traffic control, three larceny, six assist other departments, one alarm, three suspicious situations, two disturbing the peace, 17 unclassified, one drunk driving arrest, and two traffic warnings.



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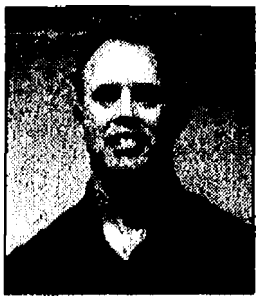
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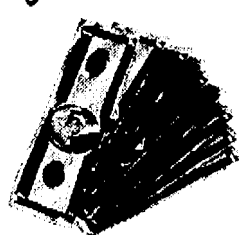


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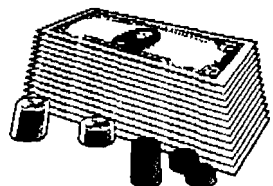
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MSP crime lab under new leadership

The Michigan State Police recently announced the promotion of Connie J. Swander to Laboratory Director at the Grayling Forensic Crime Laboratory, effective February 2.

Prior to her promotion, Swander served as a forensic scientist at the lab for 18 years.

As director of the Grayling Laboratory, Swander will be responsible for the administration of both the Grayling and Marquette laboratories, which serve police agencies in northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Prior to joining the department in 1985, Swander served as a laboratory scientist and medical technologist at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, W.A. Foote Hospital in Jackson, and at Addison Community Hospital in Addison.

Swander holds an associate's degree in medical technology from Elkhart Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Siena Heights College.

Swander has testified as an expert witness approximately 180 times in her career, including during the May 2001 Pehl murder trial. She has taught various forensic science topics at Kirtland Community College, Northwestern Community College, Northern Michigan College and for the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Grayling resident Connie Swander has already begun her work as the Laboratory Director at the Michigan State Police Forensic Crime Lab. She will now oversee the administration of both the Grayling Lab and the lab located in Marquette.

In 1992, Swander was the recipient of the Michigan State Police Floyd R. Bell, Jr. Civilian of the Year Award.

Swander said since her promotion, she has been busy getting to know the personnel at the

Marquette lab and learning the administrative duties of her new position. She will have to travel between labs, but said she is willing to do whatever needs to be done to keep services running smoothly.

Gillard: It's time to get down to business

► Rep. Gillard would like to hear from 106th District constituents

LANSING — Michigan State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) announced January 29 that session for the Michigan House of Representatives is officially under way.

The House meets at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Gillard represents the 106th District, which includes Alpena, Alcona, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties.

"It's time to roll up our sleeves and get down to business," said Gillard, who has been named the Democratic Vice Chair of the House Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Committee.

"It's time to make sure that the legislature looks out for the best

interests of northern Michigan. It's time to fight to keep the jobs we already have and bring new jobs to northern Michigan.

"It's time to ensure that every northern Michigan worker who has lost his or her job through no fault of their own sees an increase in unemployment benefits. It's time to fight to make sure that prescription drugs are affordable for northern Michigan seniors."

Gillard also announced that his new toll-free telephone number is up and running. He can be

contacted at no cost by dialing 1-866-MATT-106 (1-866-628-8106).

"I believe that one of my most important jobs as your state representative is keeping you informed," said Gillard. "I also believe that I cannot do my job to the best of my ability if I do not hear from you. I hope that this toll-free number will help keep the lines of communication open, which will help me in fighting for the best interests of northern Michigan."

Nunn will not seek re-election

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Melvin "Pat" Nunn, former principal of Frederic Elementary, has decided not to run for the Crawford AuSable School Board when his current term expires in June 2003.

He had been an elementary

principal in the district for 19 years when he retired in June 1999.

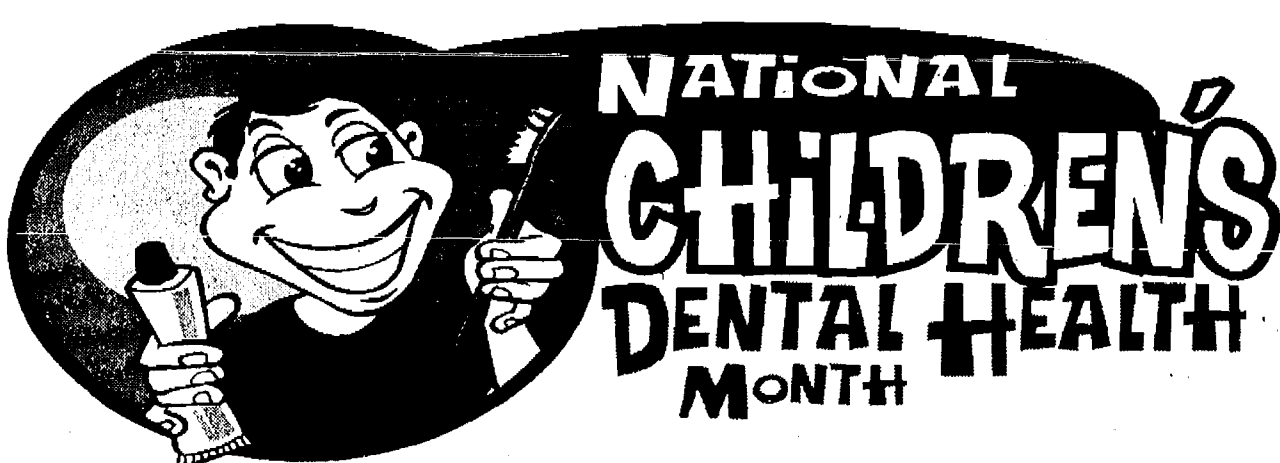
He was immediately elected to district school board where he has been serving for the last four years.

He believes that while he is on the school board he has an

obligation to be an informed board member and attend all meetings in addition to doing whatever committee work is necessary.

Now that his wife, Nancy, has also retired, they plan to travel more extensively than they have been able to in the past.

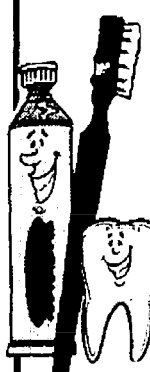
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- Schedule the first visit to the dentist by age 3, and return at the intervals he dentist recommends.
- Talk to your child's dentist about fluoride.
- When your child's permanent molars come in, the dentist may want to discuss applying sealants if the pits and fissures in them are deep.
- Allow your child to chew only sugarless gum. Have him or her avoid lollipops and other sticky candy.
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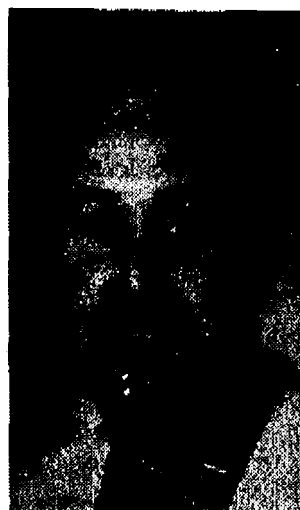


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Dr. Divina is joining Joseph R. Yacisen, DO, and the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center. The main office for the practice is now under construction in Grayling.

In addition to Grayling office hours, both physicians will be seeing patients at the Mercy Family Care offices in Prudenville and Roscommon. Until the new Grayling office is ready, Grayling appointments will be offered at the Mercy Hospital Grayling Specialty Clinic.

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83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for January 2003

Hon. John G. Hunter

Christopher Ryan Maze, age 27 of Brighton - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs or 36 days in jail.

Terrence Thomas Sheroski Jr., age 19 of Metamora - Larceny less than \$200; \$210 fines/costs or 23 days in jail, \$25 restitution.

Timothy James Odden, age 40 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$1,530 fines/costs, two days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

John Michael Leitelt, age 42 of Stanton - OUIL/per se; \$1,100 fines/costs or 63 days in jail, 30 days in jail with credit for 10 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Daniel Alan Peterson, age 52 of Alpena - Dispose solid waste/non-licensed; \$110 fines/costs.

Kerry Edward Corpolongo, age 42 of Dearborn - Controlled substance possession of marijuana; \$680 fines/costs or 68 days in jail, placed on 181 days probation.

Curtis James Jeziorski, age 31 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Kevin Bruce Hatch, age 24 of Traverse City - OUIL/per se; \$780 fines/costs or 78 days in jail, placed on 181 days probation.

Mohammad R. Zunoubi, age 38 of Fishkill - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$160 fines/costs.

James Carl West, age 20 of Houghton Lake - Disguise with intent to intimidate; \$1,130 fines/costs or 100 days in jail, 60 days in jail with credit for 60 days served.

Marjorie Louise Woodworth, age 45 of Gaylord - Disturbance of the peace; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Michael Sharone Schannon, age 54 of Silverwood - Retail fraud second degree; \$310 fines/costs or 31 days in jail, 43 days in jail with credit for 43 days served.

Michael Matthew Modica, age 26 of Traverse City - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate;

\$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Steven Michael Nieman, age 37 of Freeland - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate and controlled substance - use of marijuana; \$520 fines/costs or 60 days in jail.

Michael Joseph Terrien, age 27 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Charles Ray Siegel III, age 21 of Grayling - Controlled substance - possession of marijuana; \$910 fines/costs or 91 days in jail.

Kelly Vernon Allish, age 39 of Carrollton - Snowmobile - operate while suspended/revoked/denied; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Hon. Richard Liedel

Daniel Paul Marcoux, age 24 of Houghton Lake - Disorderly person/drunken; \$510 fines/costs.

Robert Scott Mock, age 26 of Jackson - Trespass - forbidden/refuse to depart; \$484 fines/costs.

Jerry Lee Elekonich, age 51 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs.

Diana Lyn Newman, age 41 of Grayling - Retail fraud - second degree; \$310 fines/costs or 31 days in jail.

Salvatore Victor Bommarito, age 18 of St. Helen - Disorderly person/drunken; \$134 fines/costs.

Hon. Michael K. Cooper

Mark Louis Franklin, age 28 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$1,450 fines/costs, 90 days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

Magistrate Jean Callewaert
Michael Kent Ruman, age 46 of St. Clair Shores - Possess deer without validated kill tag; \$170 fines/costs and \$1,000 restitution.

Aaron Thomas Fishell, age 20 of Saginaw - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs.

Attorney Magistrate Julie Delaney
Aubrey Steve Holland, age 46 of Pontiac - Snowmobile - operate while suspended/revoked/denied; \$160 fines/costs.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 12 - 18, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: February 12-13, February 17-18.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset.

Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

Petersons celebrate 50 years



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Peterson

Martin and Beverly Peterson of Grayling will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this Friday.

They were married February 14, 1953 at his parents' home in Houghton Lake. He was on leave from service with the U.S. Army at the time.

Martin graduated from Houghton Lake High School in 1950 and Beverly graduated

from Grayling High School in 1953.

The couple raised three daughters: Tonya (Ray), Kim (McClain), and Marty (Richardson); and one son, Dennis Peterson. All are currently living in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson also have 11 grandchildren and the first great grandchild is expected June 22.

MILITARY NEWS

Air Force Airman Zachary J. Harland, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Dennis Harland of Crestview, Florida,

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Yes - Clear glass (labels need not be removed, but jars must be rinsed).
No - Window glass, auto glass, drinking glasses, pyrex, light bulbs or colored glass.

Yes - Plastic #1 (clear) & #2 (colored) jugs including beverage, detergent, bleach, etc. (Please rinse and discard caps).
No - Hazardous material jugs including oil, gas, poisons, etc.

Yes - Milk jugs (Please rinse and discard caps).

Yes - Tin cans (Please rinse, but labels need not be removed).
No - Aerosol and hazardous material cans.

Yes - Styrofoam including packing material, meat trays, etc.

Yes - Aluminum foil and foil pans (Please rinse).

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Jobless can now file for benefits online

Michigan's jobless workers can now cut through the unemployment line by going online to file claims for unemployment benefits.

Jobless Michigan workers can now apply for unemployment benefits through the Internet by visiting the Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment Compensation (BW&UC) web site at www.michigan.gov/bwuc. The web site is accepting new and additional unemployment claims.

"Filing online requires only minutes and can be done from the comfort of one's home or from any computer with access to the Internet," David A. Plawecki, acting BW&UC director said. "Filing online requires only minutes and can be done from the comfort of one's home or from any computer with access to the Internet."

Plawecki estimates that on average, the online application

process will take jobless workers between 30 to 45 minutes to successfully complete.

The bureau will accept online applications for unemployment benefits five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and during holidays that fall on weekdays.

To file a new claim for benefits online, unemployed workers must meet the following conditions:

- Have worked for only one employer during the last 18 months;
- Have worked under only one Social Security number during the past 18 months;
- Have not filed a claim for unemployment benefits against another state during the past 12 months; and
- Want their claim to begin with the week in which it is filed.

Those applying for unemployment benefits online are still required to register for employment, if they are not returning to work within 120 days. They register by visiting their local Michigan Works! service center to file their resume with the Michigan Talent Bank.

When using the online process for filing an unemployment claim, Plawecki advised that users have the following information on hand:

- Their Social Security numbers;
- A PIN used to call MARVIN

for an existing or previous claim, or a driver license, or state ID number;

- Their complete address, including zip code;
- A telephone number;
- County of residence;
- For those who are not U.S. citizens or nationals, an alien registration number and the expiration date for the work authorization are needed; and
- For their employer over the last 18 months - name and address; last day of work; and earnings for each calendar quarter during the last 18 months.

The web site uses an interactive application for unemployment benefits. Jobless workers will be prompted to answer a series of questions as the bureau collects the information needed to establish a claim.

The bureau has allowed limited use of Internet filed claims since November to test the process. By January 20, the web site had successfully accepted and processed over 3,000 unemployment claims.

Plawecki noted that the bureau has made its claims taking web site as secure as possible to prevent unauthorized individuals from gaining access to its unemployment claims database.

The Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment Compensation is a bureau within the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, the state's primary licensing and regulatory department.

HONORS

Adrian College

Colby G. Davis of Grayling, was named to Adrian College's Dean's List for the 2002 Fall Semester. She is a junior majoring in Psychology. She is the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis.

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Kenyon College

Regina B. Rosi of Grayling, was named to Kenyon College's Merit List for the first semester of the 2002-03 academic year. She is a first-year student. She is the daughter of Marilyn and Tomlin Rosi.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Perry D'Amour, a 1980 Grayling High School graduate, recently was one of 45 graduates to receive his MBA from Webster University in Phoenix, Arizona.

In attendance were his wife Nancy and two children, Ryan and Lauren.

Perry is currently the Purchasing Manager for Bebout Concrete, Inc., with operations in Phoenix and Las Vegas. He is the son of Leon and Jackie D'Amour of Grayling.

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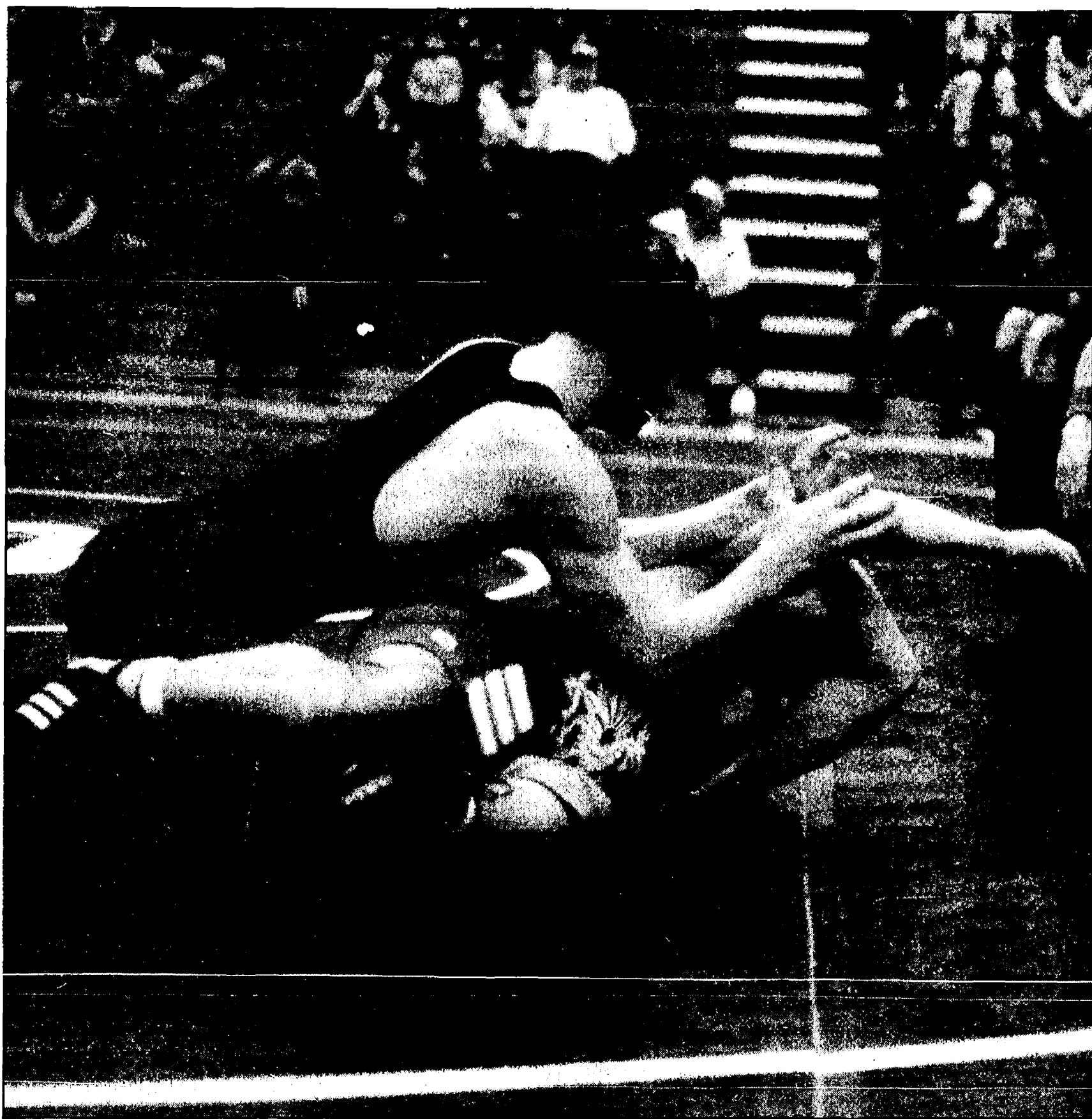
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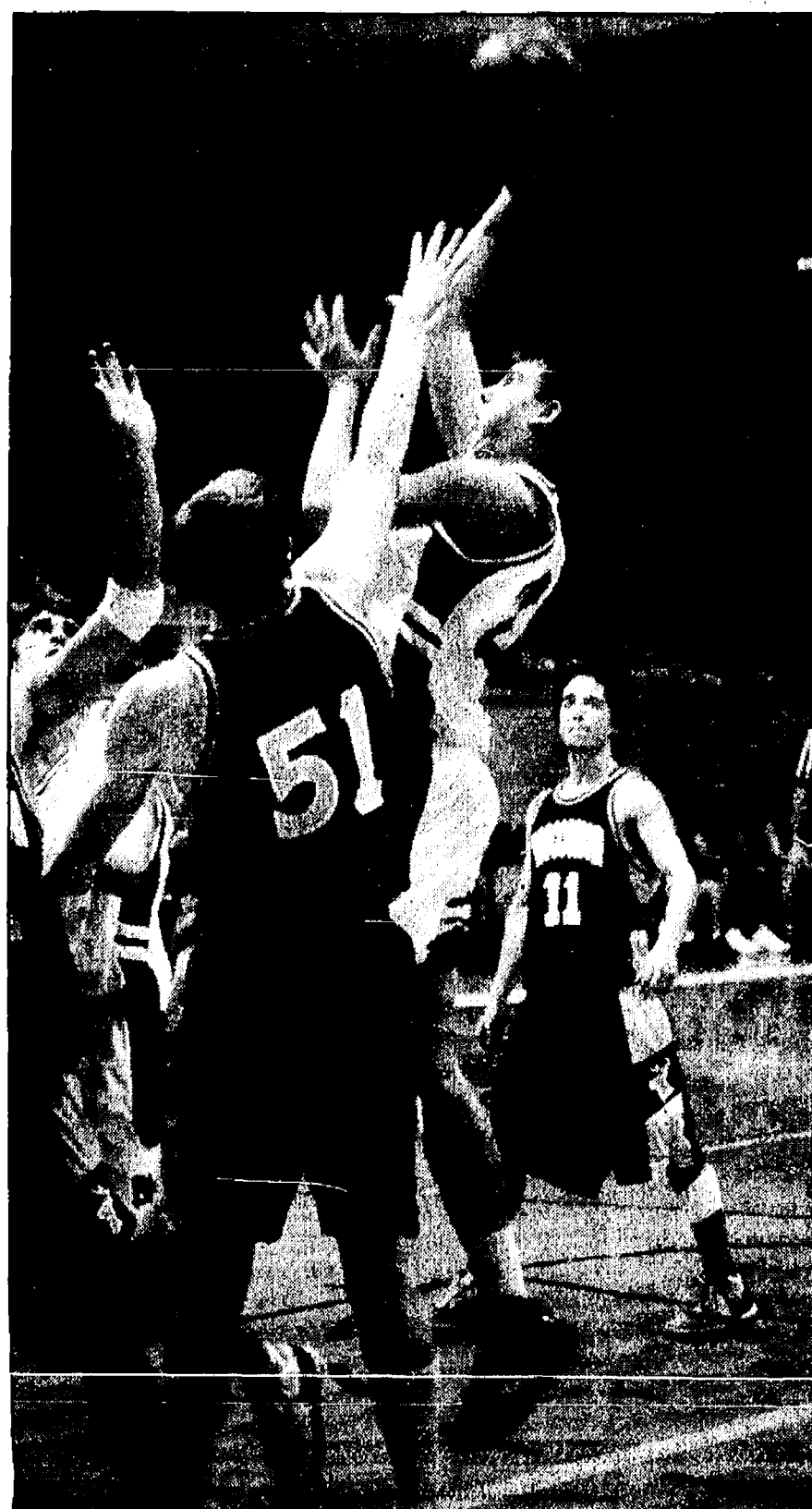
JV basketball 6B

Wrestlers defeat Blazers



GHS wrestler Adam Malone (top) grapples with a Kalkaska opponent in a meet in Grayling last Thursday. The Vikings defeated Kalkaska 57-15. For more on the wrestling team, see Page 2B.

Vikings fall to Bucks, Bobcats



Roy Czapek goes up for a shot inside in the Grayling vs. Roscommon varsity boys basketball game last Wednesday. The Bucks won the game. For more on the varsity boys basketball team, see Page 5B.

Ski teams finish 2nd in league

► Grayling ends conference season with Central Alpine Ski Meet

The GHS boys and girls ski teams both finished second in the League Championship Meet last week and finished the season in second place in the Central Alpine Ski Conference. Mt. Pleasant won both league titles.

The boys team scores at the league championship meet were: Mt. Pleasant 35, Grayling 66, Clare 121, Harrison 148, Roscommon

161, and Farwell 195. The girls competition scores were nearly the same, with Mt. Pleasant at 31, Grayling 63, Clare 112, Roscommon 124, Harrison 130, and Farwell 228.

Grayling's boys team picked up six league medals in the meet with Pat McNally leading the way with a 6th place finish in slalom and 7th place in giant slalom (GS). Trevor Clough took 2nd in slalom and 12th in GS.

Jon Handy placed 8th in both races. Jim Jansen was 10th in slalom and 13th in GS. Eric Hunter finished 12th and 14th. Anthony Neal took 17th in slalom and Adam Gilbert was

20th in GS.

Grayling's girls team also picked up six league medals. Heather Vandecar led the team with a 2nd place finish in slalom and a 5th in GS. Mallory Olson placed 5th and 7th. Andria Alvarez placed 6th and 8th.

Jill Seager was 16th and 14th. Kassie McClain placed 21st and 19th. Jessica Thomson finished 29th in GS and disqualified in slalom.

All-league selections were announced after the meet. Grayling's ski team had 10 first team all-conference selections and five second team selections.

First team all-league slalom honors went to Alvarez, Olson, Vandecar, Clough, and Handy. First team giant slalom spots were won by Alvarez, Olson, Clough, Jansen, and McNally.

Second team all-league slalom honorees include Hunter, Jansen, and McNally. Second team giant slalom all-conference spots went to Vandecar and Handy.

All-league honors are based on using 70 percent of the league's races for each skier and comparing points.

The Vikings will ski against 20 other schools at Regionals at Crystal Mountain on Thursday, February 13.



GHS ski team all-league honorees for 2003: (front, L to R) James Jansen, Trevor Clough, Eric Hunter; (back, L to R) Mallory Olson, Patrick McNally, Heather Vandecar, Andria Alvarez, Jon Handy.

Grayling hosts volleyball tourney



Jamie Zelek handles a ball for Grayling in the Subway Invitational varsity girls volleyball tournament at GHS on Saturday. For more on the event, see Page 3B.

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For more information on these and other events at Hanson Hills check us out on the web at www.hansonhills.org or call 987-2196



The 2002-03 Grayling High School wrestling team: (front, left to right) Joel Wilson, Jessie Mooneyham, Brian Borchers, Emily Harvey, Doug Webb, Adam Malone; (middle, left to right) James Walker, Greg Warren, Tom Barnett, Dustin Partello, Darryl Babbitt, Jesse CdeBaca, Jeremy Handrich, Chuck Woodman; (back, left to right) Coach Don Ferguson, Coach Matt Tonella, Travis Brush, Mike Gassman, Aaron Rosecrans, Brandon Pratt, Don Starks, Justin Robinson, Joe Ferrigan, Coach Mike Hopkins, Coach Bill Rosecrans.

Wrestlers finish 3rd at NEMC meet

► Six Vikings earn medals at final league meet of the season

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team placed third overall at the North East Michigan Conference Meet at Bay City John Glenn on Saturday.

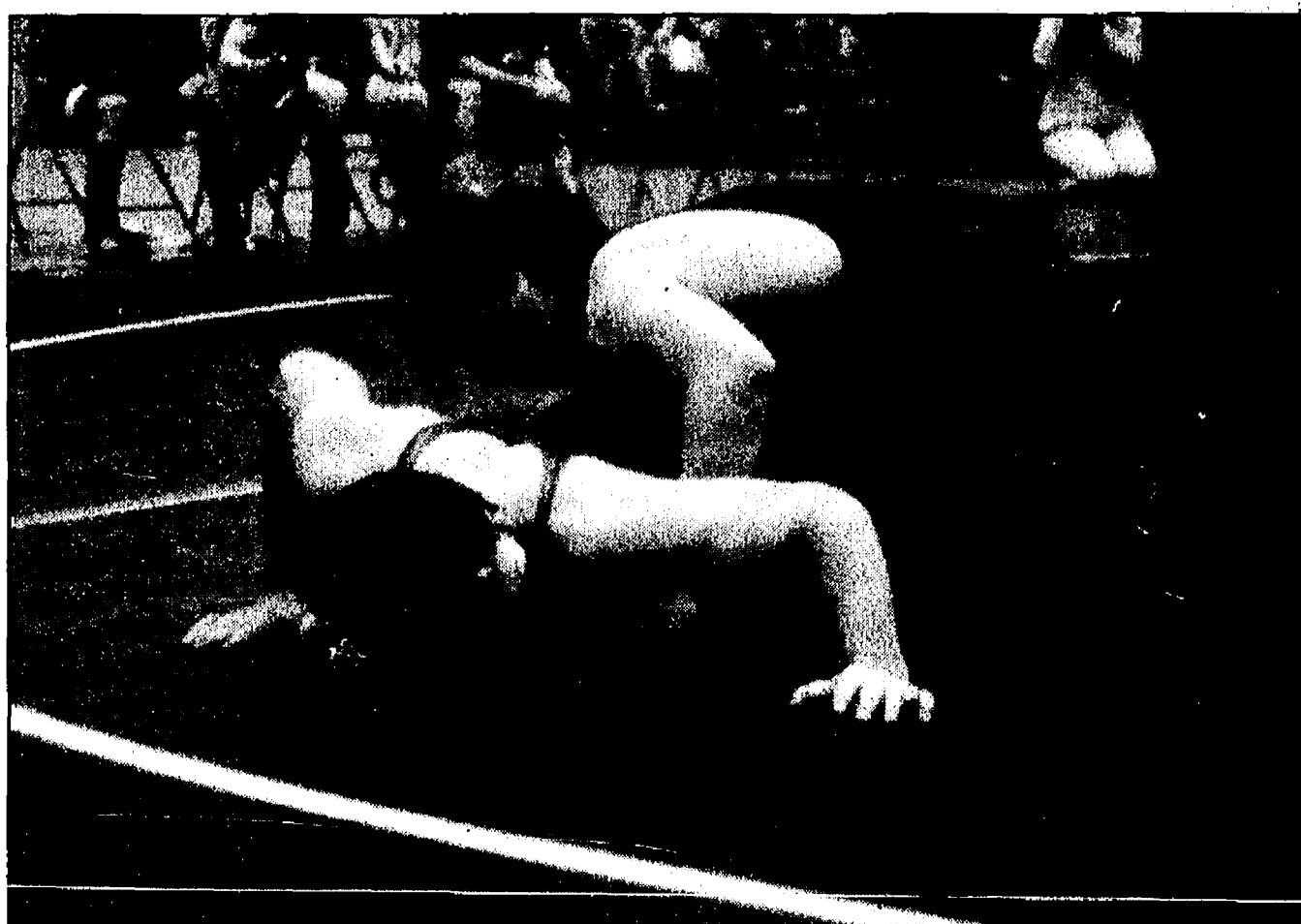
Pinconning took 1st, Ogemaw Heights placed 2nd, Grayling was 3rd, Oscoda 4th, Tawas 5th, Bay City John Glenn 6th, and Standish Sterling Central 7th.

Grayling had a total of six medalists in the NEMC Meet — the last meet of the league season.

Brandon Pratt (171) placed 1st at the meet, earning a conference championship in his weight division. He has a 34-6 record so far this season.

Darryl Babbitt (160, 26-10) and Aaron Rosecrans (215, 21-17) both placed 2nd at the NEMC Meet. Chuck Woodman (125, 13-8), Adam Malone (130, 28-14), and Dusty Partello (152, 27-6) all finished 3rd in their weight class.

"This week we're going to start getting focused on the



Darryl Babbitt wrestles a Kalkaska opponent on Thursday at GHS.

upcoming state tournaments, so we can rise to the challenge," Coach Don Ferguson said.

On Thursday, the Vikings defeated a short-handed Kalkaska Blazers squad 57-15 in a meet at GHS.

The Vikings won six weight classes by forfeit (and lost two — 112 and 119 — by forfeit). In con-

tested matches, Grayling won four and lost one.

Emily Harvey (103), Joe Bancroft (140), Joel Wilson (145), Don Starks (189), Rosecrans (215), and Travis Brush (275) all won by forfeit for GHS.

Woodman (125) posted a second round pin to win his match.

Malone (130) won by pin in the first round. Partello (152) lost a tough match by decision, 5-2.

Babbitt (160) won by points, 14-8. Pratt (171), in the last contested match of the night, posted a quick first round pin.

The Vikings compete in Team Districts and Individual Districts this week.

Baseball clinic rescheduled for March

The Grayling High School

baseball clinic that was originally scheduled for February 15 has been changed to Saturday, March 15. The change was necessary due to a conflict in scheduling, and it will allow the coaching staff to use high school baseball

players to assist.

The clinic, to be held at Grayling Middle School, will be for players age 9-18. GHS baseball coach Bob Gorski and his staff will instruct participants on the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, and catching.

Players will be broken up into two age groups: 9-12 will go from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 13-18 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants must bring tennis shoes, gloves, and work-out clothes.

Also, players will have the option to sign up for the second portion of the clinic to be held at a later date. At that time, players

will be videotaped on their hitting. The fee for both dates is \$20, which includes a Grayling baseball cap and video.

Sign up for the clinic at Sylvester's or pick up applications at the elementary, middle, or high school offices.

Little League coaches can attend the clinics for a fee of \$20. Coaches will receive a Grayling baseball cap and a coaching notebook on all phases of baseball.

Sign-ups will also be accepted on the day of the clinic. Please contact Gorski at 348-5626 or John Schneider at 348-4366 if you plan to attend and have not signed up yet.

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Wendy's

Vikings of the Week

Darryl Babbitt

Aaron Rosecrans

Wrestling
Coach: Don Ferguson
DARRYL BABBITT & AARON ROSECRANS

Darryl had a great match with an undefeated wrestler in the conference championship finals and placed 2nd in the league in his weight class. Aaron had a good day at the conference meet and worked his way to a 2nd place finish in the championship finals.

Paul Olson
Municipal Underwriters of Michigan

Vikings of the Week

Pat McNally

Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland
JILL SEAGER & PAT MCNALLY

Jill (not pictured) has consistently finished both races for Grayling, contributing to team placement in 22 out of 26 races this season. Pat had the highest combined finish in the league meet last week with a 6th in slalom and 7th in giant slalom.

GHS hosts volleyball tourney

► Vikings begin and end with wins in 8-team Subway Invitational

The Vikings started with a win and ended with a win at Saturday's Subway Invitational - Grayling High School's annual varsity girls volleyball tournament - but lost the four matches in between to finish the event with a 2-4 overall record.

Grayling opened the tournament with a two-game series against the Beavers of Beaverton.

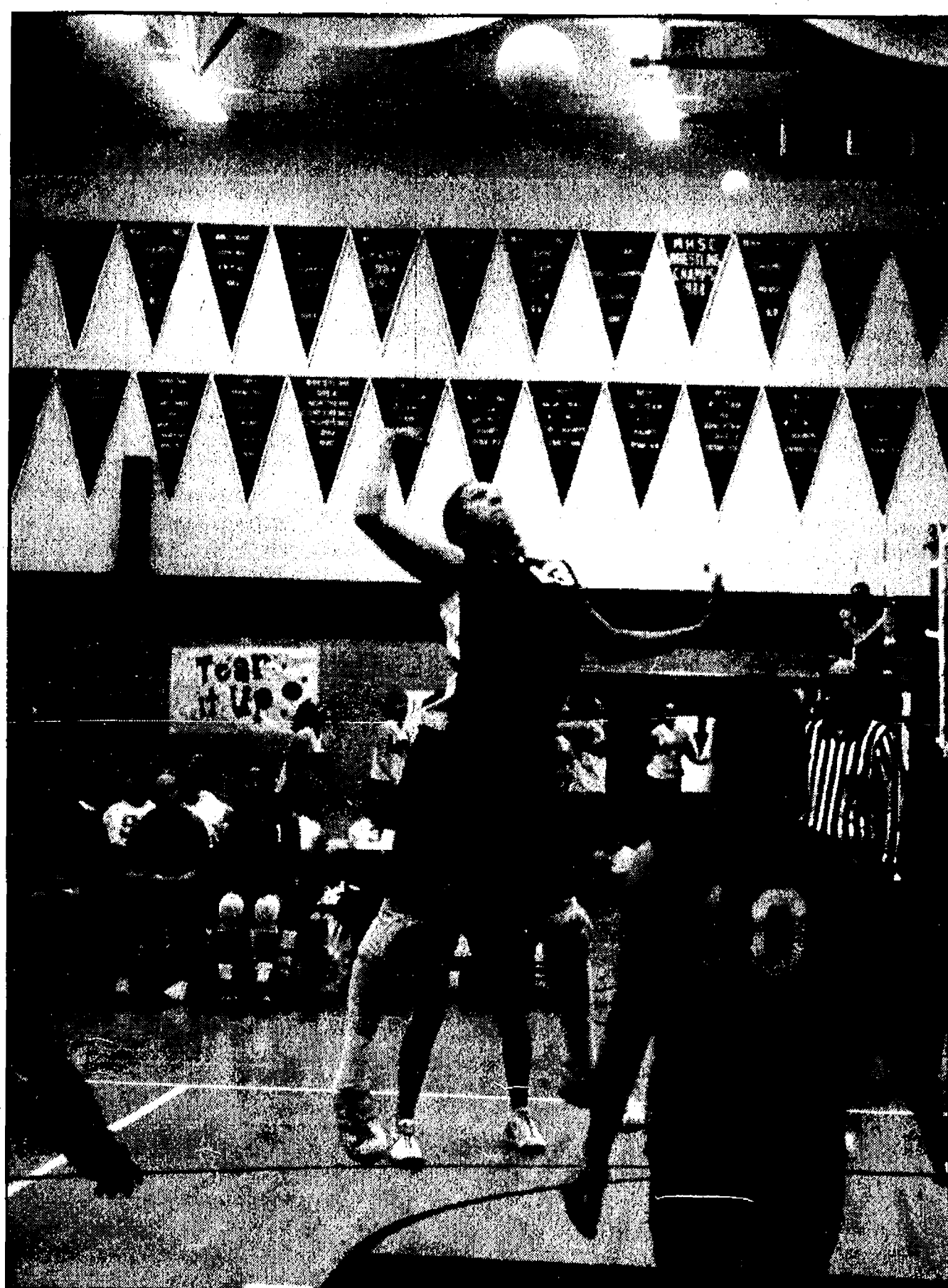
The Vikings played a good match in game one, and won the contest 15-8. Grayling struggled in game two, and Beaverton won 15-1.

Later, the Vikings lost to the Lady Stags of Kingsley 15-0, 15-7.

Grayling finished the day with a split against the Houghton Lake Bobcats. Houghton Lake won the first game 15-11 and Grayling took game two 15-3.

"We have streaks when we play to our potential, like the first game against Beaverton and the last game against Houghton Lake," said Coach Angie Golnick. "We have improved our serving percentage and transition. We're still working on confidence and trust."

Statistics for Grayling at the Subway Invitational included: Angeanette Lovely - 7 points, 9 digs; Carmen Hulbert - 7 points, 1 ace, 5 digs, 13 assists; Ashley Hawley - 6 points, 1 ace, 10 blocks, 7 kills; Ashley Bancroft - 6 points, 4 kills, 5 digs; Jamie Zelek - 5 points, 1 ace, 2 kills; Heather Metzger - 15 assists, 10



Ashley Hawley goes up for a spike in the Subway Invitational at GHS on Saturday.

Eight teams - Beaverton, Harbor Springs, Harrison, Houghton Lake, and Kingsley - participated in the 2003 Subway Invitational meet. The Vikings play at Tawas on Wednesday, February 19.

JV volleyball team beats Pinny 2-0

► Vikings win at home by scores of 15-6 and 15-4 vs. Spartans

The GHS junior varsity girls volleyball team posted a 2-0 victory against the Spartans of Pinconning in a best of three series last Wednesday in

Grayling. The Vikings won by scores of 15-6, 15-4.

"The girls played two great matches," Coach Jenny Swander said. "(Pinconning) was the first team they played this year and lost by only two. It shows how much they have improved to be able to beat them by nine and 11. They played well as a team and as a team only missed one serve. It is very exciting seeing the

improvement with each game."

Serving stats for Grayling included: Ashley Rousseau, 2 for 3; Alyssa Farrell, 1 for 1; Jenny Tozer, 5 for 5; Casey Mahaffy, 6 for 6; Jaimi Drudge, 16 for 16;

Jessica Pfaff, 4 for 4. Point totals included: Rousseau, 2; Tozer, 5; Mahaffy, 6; Pfaff, 3; Drudge, 14.

The Vikings will host Bay City John Glenn on Monday, February 17 at 6:15 p.m.

9th grade volleyball team wins three

► Freshman team defeats Oscoda, Pinconning, and Houghton Lake

With three recent wins, two against North East Michigan Conference opponents, the GHS freshman girls volleyball team has posted a respectable 5-2 league record so far.

Last Wednesday, the Vikings defeated the Pinconning Spartans 2-1 in a best of three series. Pinconning won the first game and GHS rallied to win the next two 15-7, 15-12.

"We struggled serving in the first game but turned things around to win the match," said Coach Amy Owen.

Serving stats for GHS included: Samantha Wakeley, 17 for 18 for 11 points; Chelsea Papendick, 12 for 14, 11 points; Michelle McGuire, 7 for 7, 4 points; Amanda Lutz, 7 for 7, 3 points; Chelsea Wolcott, 7 for 10, 6 points.

On January 30, the Vikings won a series vs. Oscoda 2-0 at GHS. Final scores were 15-4, 15-5.

"Teamwork has developed into a winning season for these girls," Coach Owen said. "I hope this commitment follows them to the varsity level."

Serving stats: Wakeley, 15 for 17, 14 points; Wolcott, 5 for 7, 5 points; Lutz, 4 for 4, 4 points.

On January 27, Grayling defeated Houghton Lake 15-3, 15-8 in a meet at GHS.

Grayling Restaurant Vikings of the Week



Ashley Hawley



Heather Metzger

Varsity Volleyball
Coach: Angie Golnick
ASHLEY HAWLEY & HEATHER METZGER

Ashley blocked and hustled all day at the Subway Invitational and was named to the all-tournament team. Heather, through all her struggles serving, has stayed positive and improved the rest of her game.



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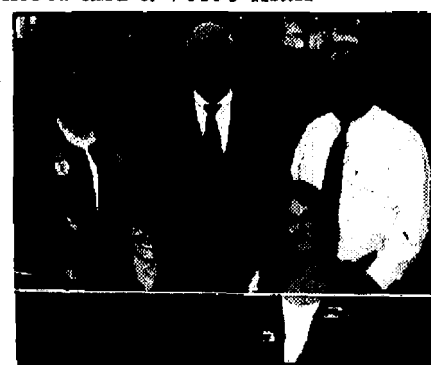
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

FLINT - Kris Krzymski scored 23 points and DeMarcus Ishmael added 23 to lead Mott to a 101-72 rout Wednesday of Kirtland.

Alvaidas Gedminas topped Kirtland with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Levi Burkett added 11 points for the Firebirds, who lost for the fourth time in five games and fell to 4-6 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 9-12 overall.

Mott improved to 7-2 in the conference and 16-7 overall.

VINCENNES, Ind. - Mike English scored 27 points to pace Kaskaskia College to an 87-75 victory Friday over Kirtland in the opening round of the Vincennes Tournament.

Jeremy Rau led Kirtland with 20 points and 16 rebounds, while Alvaidas Gedminas contributed 16 points with 13 rebounds.

The non-conference loss was the Firebirds' third straight, dropping them to 9-13 overall.

Womens Team

FLINT - Teona Blythe, Monique Edward-Thames and Tracy Johnson each scored 18 points to pace Mott to a 75-42 win Wednesday night over Kirtland.

Becca Miller scored 16 points to lead Kirtland, while Amy Jordan contributed 10 points and eight rebounds. The Lady Firebirds lost for third straight game and fell to 2-8 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 7-15 overall.

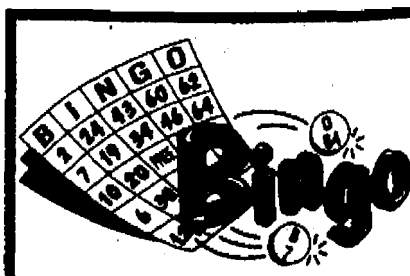
Mott is 8-1 in the conference and 14-7 overall.

ROSCOMMON - Becca Miller scored 21 points and had 10 rebounds to lead four Kirtland teammates in double figures in scoring and rebounding Saturday in an 86-48 victory over winless Marygrove.

Jillian Schultz scored 20 points with 11 rebounds, Amy Jordan had 15 points with 10 rebounds and Raquel Bates had 10 points with 11 rebounds. Also, Brianna Glasscox contributed 14 points with seven steals and five rebounds as all five Lady Firebirds starters scored in double digits.

The victory in the non-conference affair ended a four-game losing streak for Kirtland, which improved to 8-15 overall.

Marygrove, which got 23 points from Yemaya Webb, fell to 0-15.



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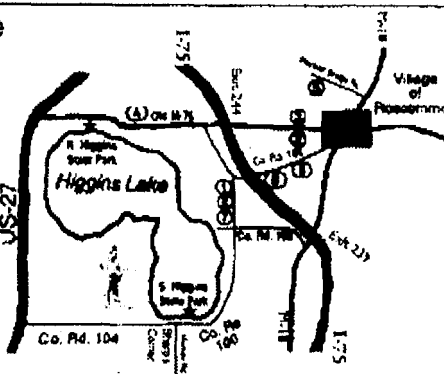
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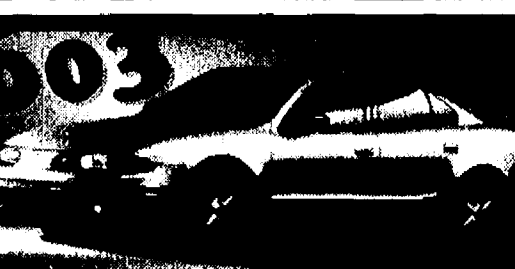


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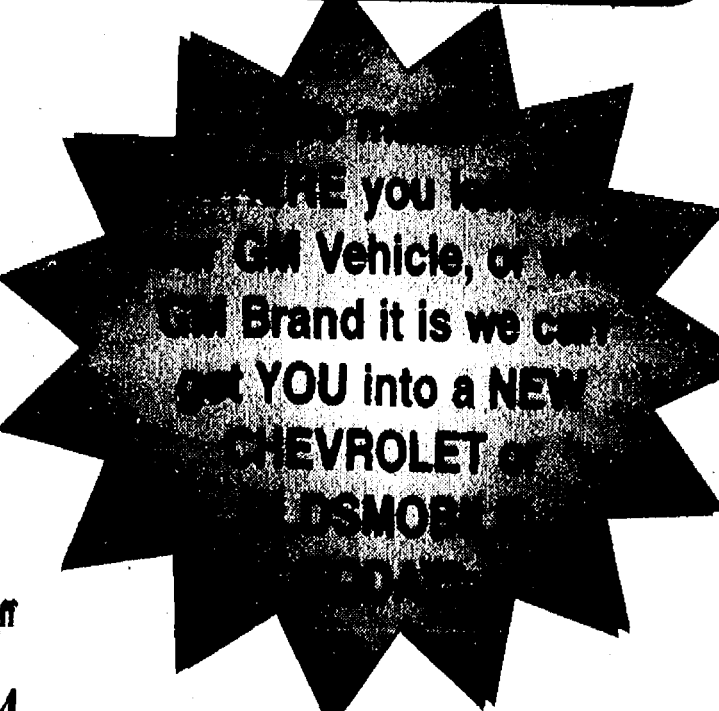


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Vikings fall into tie for 2nd in league

► Varsity squad loses at Bay City John Glenn, falls to 6-3 in NEMC

Grayling High School dropped to second place in the North East Michigan Conference varsity boys basketball standings with a loss at Bay City John Glenn on Friday night. GHS is now tied for second in the league at 6-3 with Bay City. Tawas now leads the conference.

On Friday, the Bobcats of John Glenn defeated Grayling 61-52.

The Vikings led 20-9 after one quarter and 32-27 at the half, but the Bobcats outscored GHS 22-11 in the fourth quarter to take the game.

"We played well in spurts," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Defensively, I thought we were very active early in the game. We had some kids who gave us some

solid minutes. (Joe) Lange, (Greg) Morrill, and (Roger) Alvarez did a nice job in the paint."

"We struggled down the stretch to make plays defensively or offensively," Coach Moffit said.

Against Bay City, Adam Kaiser was Grayling's scoring leader with 12 points. He also had four assists and five steals. Lange scored six and had a team-high nine rebounds. Alvarez scored eight points.

On Wednesday, Grayling lost a non-conference battle to Roscommon in a game that was rescheduled after being postponed due to weather conditions on Tuesday. The match was played at Grayling Middle School.

Roscommon built a lead early and kept Grayling just out of striking distance for most of the game. The Bucks won by a final score of 72-57.

"Roscommon played an outstanding game," Coach Moffit said. "Our perimeter players could not even come close to checking their backcourt. (Warren) Wahl hit for 11 points in the last quarter and epitomized the effort and attitude that Roscommon basketball was all about tonight. If the Bucks can play like this every game, they will finish the season very strong."

"We were not mentally prepared to play," Moffit said. "Defensively, this was by far our worst effort of the season. When we value defense again, we will experience winning again."

Kaiser, Lange, and Roy Czapiek were the leading scorers for GHS vs. Roscommon with 19, 11, and 10 points, respectively.

Grayling is now 8-6 overall so

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VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

team	league record	overall record
Tawas	7-2	10-3
BC John Glenn	6-3	8-6
GRAYLING	6-3	8-6
Oscoda	4-4	9-5
Standish Sterling	4-5	6-9
Ogemaw Heights	3-5	4-9
Pinconning	1-7	3-12

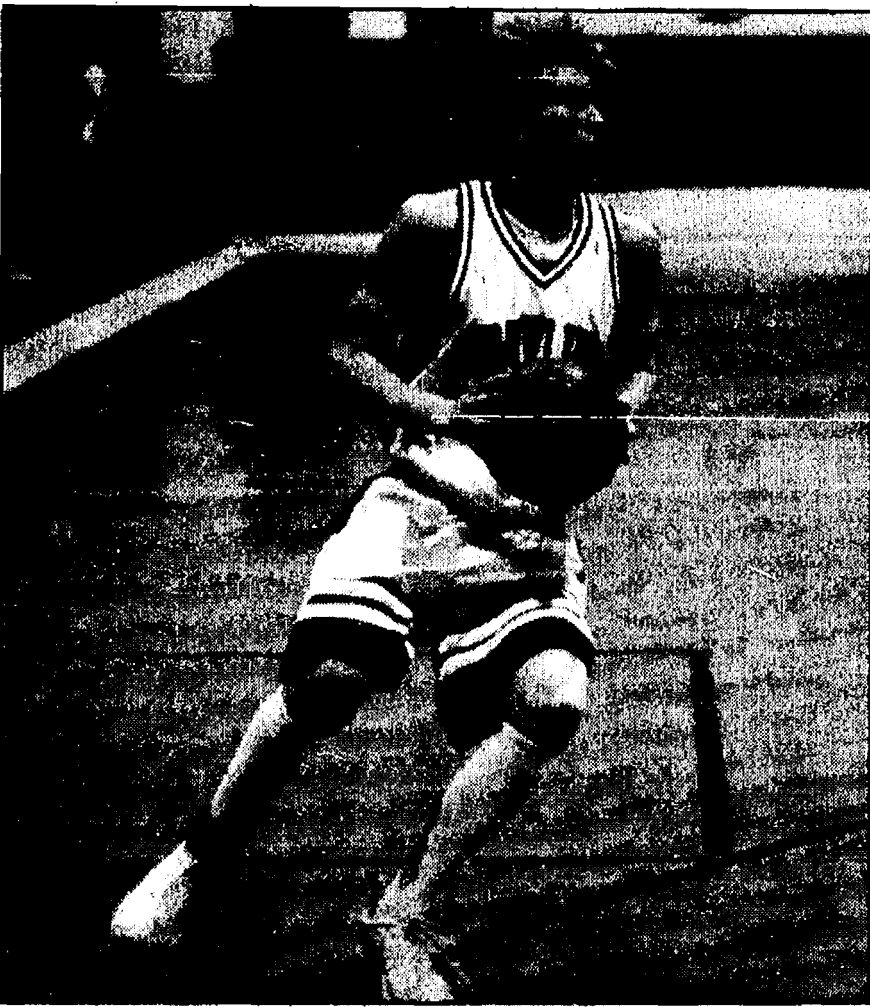
NEMC standings compiled by The Bay City Times

far this season.

The Vikings will host Pinconning on Friday, February 14. The JV game starts the night off with a 6:15 p.m. tip-off.



Ryan Schmidt looks for an open teammate in the game against the Bucks last week at GMS.



Chad Helsel handles the ball for Grayling in Wednesday's match vs. Roscommon.

New football coach to be introduced at GHS

Grayling High School's Athletic Department plans to introduce its new head coach for football at halftime of the varsity boys basketball game at GHS on Friday, February 14.

The new coach is Jason Mensing, formerly the coach at Addison High School.

After the varsity basketball

game on Friday night, a "meet the coach" event will be held in the GHS cafeteria. At the event, Mensing will be available to meet parents of football players and Viking fans.

The varsity basketball game will begin after the JV contest (between 7:30 and 8 p.m., approximately) on Friday.

8th graders finish with close tournament loss

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball (white) team ended its 2002-03 season with a 31-28 loss to Roscommon in the Houghton Lake Tournament last Wednesday.

"The team played good defense. We were not able to run our offense effectively and did not protect the ball. It was a close game from the start," Coach Jim Burch said. "I am

pleased with the team's progress this year. It was a pleasure to coach them."

Against Roscommon, Nick Parkinson was Grayling's scoring leader for GMS. Moses Peters, Terry Fraley, Pat Belcher, Carlos Ledesma, Jon Denton, and Tim Hatley also scored for the Vikings in the match.

The squad finished the season with a 7-4 win/loss record.

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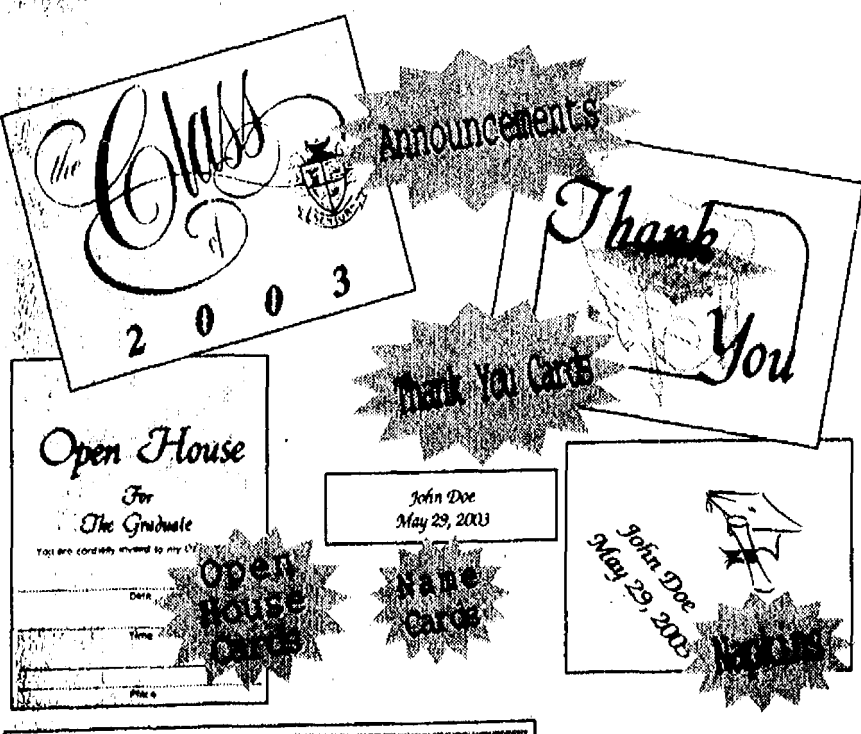
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JV squad beats Rosco, SSC

► On Friday, Vikings lose for the first time this season

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team's unbeaten streak came to an end at 13 games with a 45-39 loss at Bay City John Glenn on Friday.

"We came out strong, played a

good first quarter. Then we could not find the basket," Coach Butch Hayes said. "It was a very physical game."

Ryan Davis was the scoring leader for Grayling with 10 points. Ryan Schmidt, Josh Hinkle, Bobby Starks, Matt Swope, Jess Bobenmoyer, Tyler Cragg, and Josh Millikin also scored for Grayling in the match.

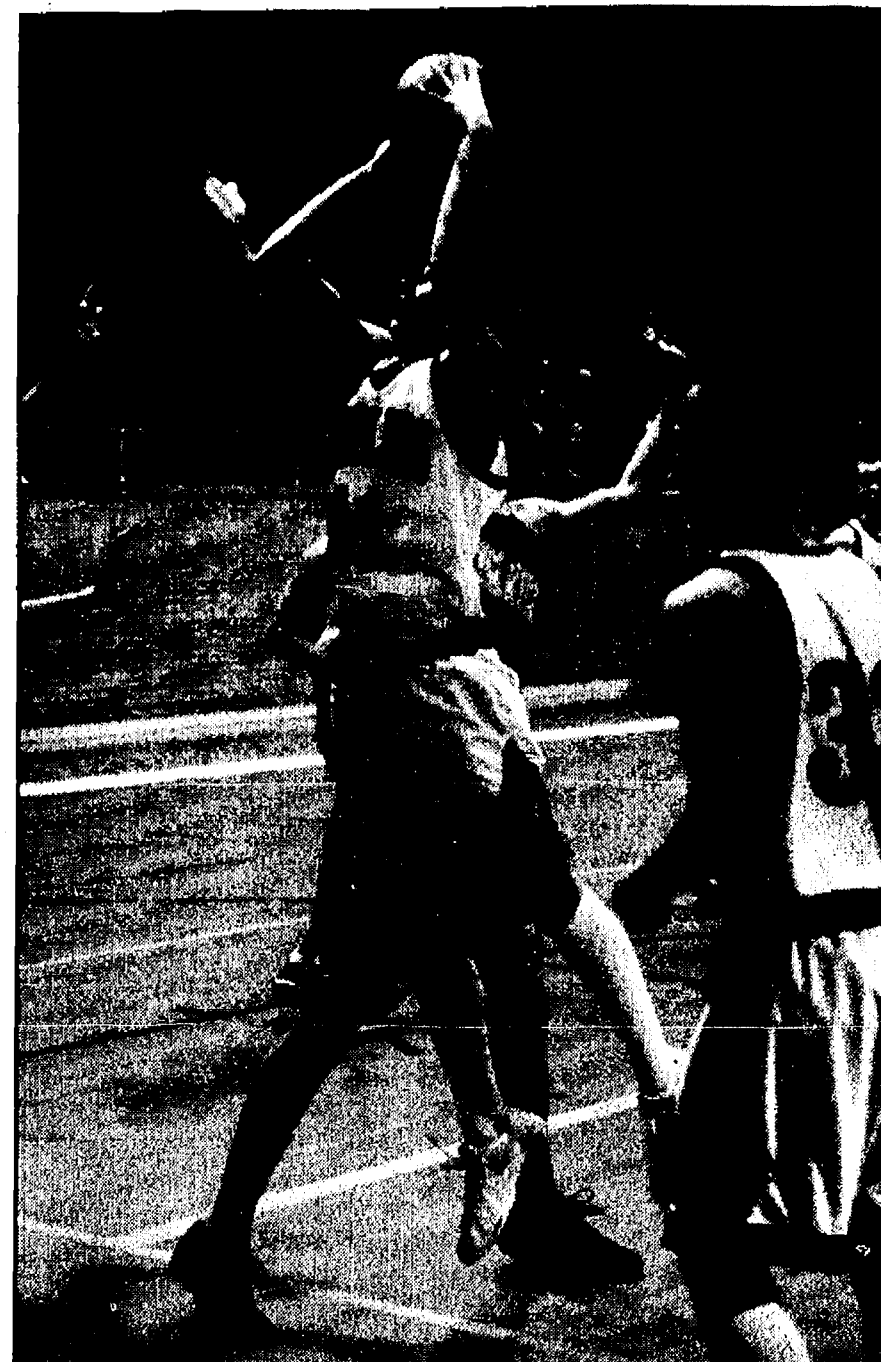
Last Wednesday, the Vikings defeated Roscommon 69-54 at Grayling Middle School. (The game had to be rescheduled from its Tuesday slot due to poor weather conditions that day.)

Davis, returning to the court after being sidelined a couple games due to injury, came up big for Grayling on offense with 28 points. Hinkle scored 18 and Starks had 11. Cragg, Swope, and Millikin also scored for the Vikings.

On January 31, the Vikings beat Standish Sterling Central 56-54 in a tight game.

"We came into a tough road game short-handed. We fell behind, then battled back," Coach Hayes said. "Hinkle hit some big free throws. Tyler Cragg did a great job defensively on their best shooters down the stretch. We had a great team effort."

Hinkle scored 23 in the match. Starks finished with 13. Swope, Cragg, Alex McNamara, Bobenmoyer, and Russ Peters



Josh Millikin works inside the paint in Wednesday night's victory over Roscommon.

also scored for GHS.

The Vikings are now 13-1 so far this season.

On Friday, February 14 the Vikings will host Pinconning at 6:15 p.m.

Freshman team wins 1, loses 1

► 9th graders win at Pinconning and lose at Bay City John Glenn

On Wednesday night, the GHS freshman boys basketball team improved its season record to 9-1 with a 57-53 victory at Pinconning.

"The boys opened a long road stretch with a very poised win against a tough Pinconning squad we had beaten a month ago in double overtime," Coach Joe Mau said. "Reagan Schmidt really stepped up his offensive game in the second half when we

really needed some leadership on the floor. Everyone found a way to contribute positively when the game was on the line in the fourth quarter. This was our best team victory of the season. I'm really proud of our poise, energy, and execution."

Schmidt had 19 points, 7 assists, and 5 steals for GHS. Eli VanNuck scored 14, had 4 steals, and 4 assists. Zach Dean finished with 8 points and 9 rebounds. Zac Baker added 6 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 steals.

On Friday, the Vikings lost to Bay City John Glenn at Bay City 68-58.

"We played solid the first half and went into the locker room

down by two. Defensively, in the second half we had no energy, rebounding, or enthusiasm. When you give up 40 points in the second half, you shouldn't expect to win. Hopefully this setback will help the boys understand the importance of playing solid defense the whole game and to bring a solid defensive attitude to the rest of our road contests," said Coach Mau.

VanNuck and Baker led the scoring effort for GHS with 19 and 11 points, respectively. Both players had five rebounds apiece. Schmidt had 8 points and 5 steals.

Grayling's four remaining matches are all road games.

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Holiday Inn 3-6
Weyerhaeuser 2-7
Spike's 69: Church, Jr., 19, Jon Thompson 8, Patterson 29,

Myers 10, Jim Gardiner 2, Joe Thompson 1.
McLean's 49: Thané Doremire 9, Burrell 10, Annis 9, Potter 3, Krey 15, Pummell 3.
Game 2:

Holiday Inn: Smith 11, Madill 4, Neilson 17, Weiler 9, Dean 8, Swope 2, Deleo 9.
Weyerhaeuser: Ruddy 4, Grant 9, Dandy 5, Simon 16, Junttila 3, Hull 10.

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on July 27, 2000 with Gerald D. Smith and Susan M. Smith, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, and Diversified Mortgage Finance Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 625, and was assigned to Northpointe Bank on July 27, 2000, and the Assignment was filed on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 635, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of the date of this notice the sum of \$32,627.24 inclusive of accrued interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest rate of 17.95% percent, all allowable costs of sale and applicable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

Legally Described as: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford

County, Described as: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet E and 330 feet N of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W; thence E298 feet to the right of way of the county road; thence northeasterly along said right of way 186.2 feet; thence S 165 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W. Tax ID: 200404001 70522000

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire Six months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 31, 2002
Patrick Timothy Reid, II
REID AND REID
Attorneys for Mortgagee
Business & Trade Center
200 N. Washington Square, Ste. 400
Lansing, Michigan 48933-1384
Telephone: (517) 487-6566

-06-13-20-07-06

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles W. Pizzi, a separated man (a single man) (original mortgagors) to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 18, 1999, and recorded on January 6, 2000 in Liber 499 on Page 45 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mort-

gagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment which was recorded on October 18, 2000, in Liber 520 on Page 600 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 74/100 dollars (\$41,458.74), including interest at 8.100% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 70 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeasterly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 20, of original plat of the Village of Grayling (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003
For information, please call:
Team D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200312104

-13-20-27-06

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we

obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey F. Knirk and Vickie L. Knirk, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2001, and recorded on July 20, 2001 in Liber 0542 on Page 575 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated May 17, 2001, which was recorded on August 8, 2002, in Liber 591 on Page 380, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 60/100 dollars (\$56,902.60), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 523, Indian Glens of the Ausable Unit 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1-14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003
For information, please call:
Team S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200312634

-13-20-27-06

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Francis E. McRae Jr. and Lillian A. McRae, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank, successor-in-interest by merger to Old Kent Bank dated the 21st day of September, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of October, A.D. 1998, in Liber 465 of Crawford Records, on page 247, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$44,749.45 (Forty four thousand, Seven hundred forty nine dollars and forty five cents) including interest there on at 7.99% (seven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of March, A.D., 2003, at 10 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Lot(s) 36, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 2, according to the plat thereof

Commonly known as: 302 Alexia Lane
Tax ID: 040-45-281-00-036-00

The redemption period shall be from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR# 02694431
Property to be posted:
302 Alexia Lane
Grayling, MI 49738

-13-20-27-06-13

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6577-DE
Estate of Glenna M. Smith, deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Glenna M. Smith, who lived at 1203 Corning Court, Grayling, Michigan, died December 21, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karol J. Bryant, c/o David R. Sabin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 14, 2003
David R. Sabin P19822
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5588
Karol J. Bryant
P.O. Box 307
Grayling, MI 49738

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-656-DE
Estate of Irene Esther Estleman,
Date of birth: 5-01-08

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Irene Esther Estleman, who lived at 7920 W. Five Mile Road, Grayling, Michigan died November 21, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marlene Brown, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 9, 2003
Marlene Brown
6977 S. Military
Grayling, MI 49738

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Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure

William Azkoul P.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by John L. Gay and Catherine E. Gay, husband and wife, whose address is 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Mortgage & Investment Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand

Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated July 29, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002, in Liber 592, Page 318 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Northpointe Bank, whose address is 770 Kenmoor S.E., Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 2, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002 with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 592, Page 334 and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars and Twenty Four Cents (\$44,902.24) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on March 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., the undersigned will sell at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel C-1
Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.0 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence South 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds West, 162.28 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.0 feet; thence North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, 162.28 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 275.0 feet to the point of beginning.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

**Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002**

PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB030011 Requesting to demo existing cabin 30' from river. Build a new cabin back 100' from river. Requesting a 100' variance.

Petitioner: Christopher Conrad
453 S. Kellogg Rd.
Howell, MI. 48843

The above case refers to the following described property:

Property Code: 20-063-019-001-020-02
Property Address: 3561 Truett Trail
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Desc: PARCEL "A-66": PART OF THE N 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 SEC.19, T26N R1W. COM AT E 1/4 COR OF SD SEC & POB OF DESC; RUN TH S 89DEG 35MIN 53SEC W ALG E & W 1/4 LINE OF SEC 1097.89 FT; TH S 51 DEG 09MIN 04SEC W 275.06 FT TO E 1/8 LINE OF SD SEC; TH S 2DEG 49MIN 08SEC E ALG SD 1/8 LINE 482.57 FT; TH N 89DEG 49MIN 30SEC E 703.94 FT TH IRON ROD NEAR THE SWLY BK OF AUSABLE RIVER; TH CONT N 89DEG 49MIN 30SEC E TO CENTER THREAD OF RIVER; TH DOWSTREAM ALG SD CENTER THREAD TO THE E LINE OF SD SEC; TH N 2DEG 44MIN 29SEC W ALG SD SEC LINE TO POB.

Zoning District: RDR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

Subject to and together with the right of ingress and egress over a 66 foot wide easement over said Section 11, centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point of the Easterly right-of-way line of Old U.S. 27 Highway, located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 1130.58 feet and South 07 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East, 162.93 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 832.31 feet to the point of ending, P.P. #030-011-016-030-03

which has an address of 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2003
Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
161 Ottawa Ave., NW
Suite 205-C
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1315
Northpointe Bank
770 Kenmoor SE
Suite 201
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

-06-13-20-27

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Grant, a single man, to Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank), mortgagee, dated September 11, 1997 and recorded September 12, 1997 in Liber 437, Page 582, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four and 44/100 Dollars (\$28,624.44) including interest at the rate of 8.7 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The south 20 feet of the northwest 1/4 and the southwest 1/4 of lot 5, block 4, Martha Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling according to the record plat thereof

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: February 6, 2003
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank,
As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 4, 2003 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 10, 2003 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 13, 2003 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 200.0727

-6-13-20-27-06

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard L. Hoag, married man and Angel R. Hoag, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2002, and recorded on March 15, 2002 in Liber 0573 on Page 292 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 59/100 dollars (\$110,270.59), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 28, Davenport's Pine Acres, as recorded in Liber 3, of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003
For information, please call:
Team X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200311289
Team X

-30-06-13-20

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen L. Schroeder, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 1998, and recorded on September 3, 1998 in Liber 462 on Page 93 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One and 20/100 dollars (\$34,131.20), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises,

es, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 26, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes East, 517 feet, thence North 1 Degree 33 minutes East, 656 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 281.3 feet to the Southeasterly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 28 minutes West along river, 184.85 feet; thence South 24 degrees 03 minutes West along river, 220.3 feet; thence South 8 degrees 50 minutes East along river, 87.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 59 minutes East, 133.2 feet; thence North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 149.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes East, 100.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above description of land is the combination of Parcels A and E of Survey recorded in Liber 134, page 79 and of Parcel A of Survey recorded in Liber 153, page 458, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 23, 2003
For information, please call:
Team J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200018865
Team J

-23-30-06-13

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald L. Trudgeon and Natalie N. Trudgeon, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2001, and recorded on October 30, 2001 in Liber 558 on Page 20 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six and 03/100 dollars (\$74,276.03), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 4-C: Being a part of the NW 1/4 section 33, T27N, R3W and described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33; thence S00°58'00"W along the 1/4 line 727.45 feet to the Southerly right of way line of Jones Lake Road; thence along said right of way line (next 3 courses) S53°45'00"W 201.5 feet; thence S58°10'00"W 689.55 feet; thence S52°03'00"W 676.65 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S36°47'22"E (recorded as S36°49'00"E) 272.07 feet; thence S52°03'00"W 400.71 feet; thence N36°38'44"W (recorded as N36°42'30"W) 272.08 feet; thence

N52°03'00"E, along the Southerly right of way of Jones Lake Road 400.0 feet to the Place of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities, 33 feet each side of the Southwesterly line of Parcel 4 as delineated on a survey recorded in Liber 122, Page 473; Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) after the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003
For information, please call:
Team X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200311491
Team X

-30-06-13-20

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donald L. Welser and Lydia Welser, husband and wife of Grayling, Michigan 49738 and Jayson S. Welser and Michelle Welser, husband and wife of 2601 Hidden Ridge Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First National Bank of Gaylord, 501 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated August 31, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on September 4, 2001, in Liber 0551 Pages 322 through 325 Crawford County Records, and on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$146,546.74.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 5th day of March, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees, allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:
Land situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

The North 50 feet of Lot 1, Block 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, thence West 180 feet, thence South 120 feet, thence East 180 feet, thence North 120 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being formerly lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION and also the South 33 feet of vacated Clare Street lying Northerly and adjacent thereto.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 22, 2003
BODMAN, LONGLEY &
DAHLING LLP
Amy J. Durant (P54777)
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord
229 Court Street
P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231) 627-4351

-30-06-13-20-27

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 4, 2003 at 12:00 noon at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2003 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 10, 2003 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 13, 2003 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	40.32	1.2400
Commercial	39.46	1.2671
Industrial	46.77	1.0691
Residential	45.03	1.1103

Lee Riley
Supervisor

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23 Years Ago February 14, 1980

Crawford AuSable School Board met for the purpose of appointing advisory committee members to study the future of the Grayling Middle School.

The objective of the advisory committee will be to provide recommendations on remodeling or reconstruction of the middle school building.

Poor snow conditions have forced activities at the Grayling Winter Carnival to be rescheduled. The cross country ski and pony rides will be held next weekend.

Meanwhile, a winter with little snow has not only had a negative effect on recreational activities but it has hampered a fund drive to pay for the new hill groomer now in operation at Hanson Hills.

Three new buses were added to the Dial-A-Ride fleet, and a new 22 passenger bus has been on hand for a couple of months.

The Middle School bas-

ketball team closed out their regular season against West Branch winning three of four games. Cheering the teams on were this year's middle school cheerleaders, Traci Riley, Shawn Lovely, Angie Parrett, Theresa Barber, Stacey Wolcott, Lisa LaMotte, Wendy Callan, Vicki Mahaney and Dawn Weatherly.

Junior forward Bill Roach scored 18 points including the tying basket to lead the Vikings to one of the most stirring double overtime comeback victories in recent cage history. The win keeps Viking conference title hopes alive.

Snowmobile safety day was held on Tuesday at the Grayling Elementary School. Children were shown a movie about snowmobile safety and went for a ride on a snowmobile.

Winners of the annual Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show Poster Contest are Pat Moore, Trisha Hahn and Amy Barber.

46 Years Ago February 14, 1957

Mary Lou Farkas, 18 year old Detroit college student, was named Miss Michigan Winter Sports Queen at the 32nd annual Winter Carnival. She topped a field of 20 aspirants.

Attendance figure at the Hartwick Pines State Park reached 310,057 during 1956.

Grayling merchants are planning a two day city-wide sales event this weekend. It will be known as February Dollar Days, and will feature bargains in every store.

The Frederic High Eagles rolled easily to their 15th straight victory of the season, when they topped Fife Lake by a 91 to 21 score.

Showing this week is the movie "Dance With Me, Henry" with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.

69 Years Ago February 15, 1934

With forty-five degrees below zero, Grayling's weatherman claims that that was the coldest on record for more than a quarter of a century.

A large crowd enjoyed the activities at the Winter Sports Park last weekend, among whom were several from Roscommon, West Branch, Kalkaska and other more remote parts.

Tuesday the advanced Home Economics class gave a luncheon of lovely appointments with the mothers of the girls as guests. The Valentine motif was enjoyed by all.

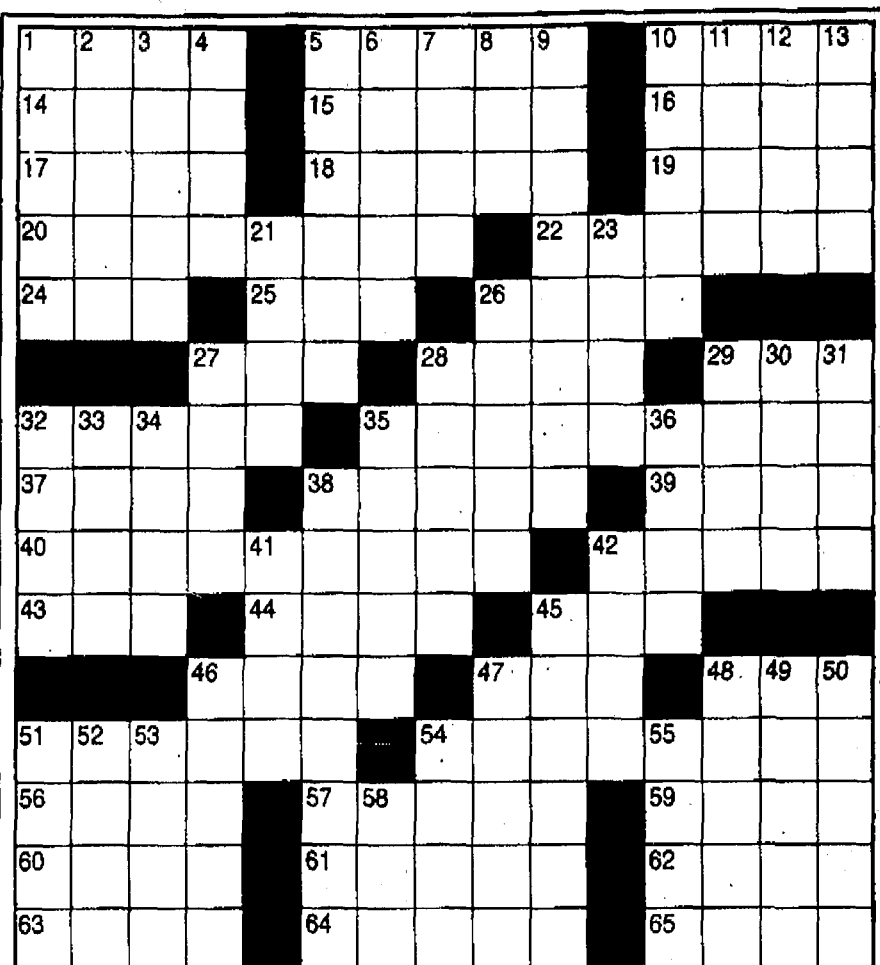
In accordance with the provisions of the state liquor laws, our village council voted unanimously in favor of permitting liquor to be sold in the village by the glass.

County Treasurer calls attention to the payment of the head tax - \$2.00 per person of 21 years and over. There is a heavy penalty for those who neglect to do so.

92 Years Ago February 16, 1911

Two heavy freight trains, both double headers, met head-on at the north end of the Gaylord yard Saturday night in a dense fog, and all four engines were disabled so they had to go to shop. Fortunately no one was injured in all four crews.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Son of Rebekah
5. Make jagged
10. Choreographer Michael
14. Oil-drilling platforms
15. Italian seaport
16. Mrs. Nick Charles
17. Jacket type
18. Window material
19. Solar deity
20. Type of bacon
22. Ambush
24. One's patience
25. At all
26. "Bury my heart at Wounded"
27. Toupee, slangily
28. Youthful suffix
29. "Long and Far Away"
32. Twin of 1 Across
35. Deteriorating, as a condition
37. Hollywood biggies
38. Football game segments
39. Bridge expert Sharif
40. Cooking measures
42. Waste maker
43. Fast plane
44. "Big Daddy" Burl
45. Questioning cry
46. Fantastic Four leader

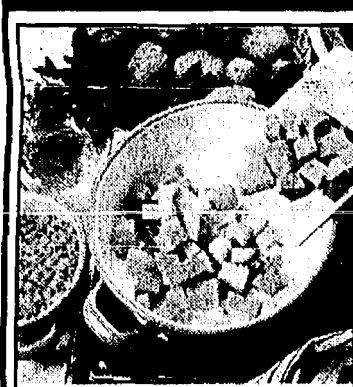
47. Voyage
48. Author Weldon
51. Halt
54. Protect from waste
56. "Song of the Road" (Whitman)
57. Love madly
59. Pipe fittings
60. 80's teen idol
61. Is indolent
62. Sped
63. Congressional passages
64. Most insignificant
65. Aphid farmers

DOWN

1. Put up a monument
2. Indian stringed instrument
3. Great distress
4. Jimmy Carter's alma mater: abbr.
5. Urging (on)
6. Electronic switching device
7. Judah's son
8. Windows alternative, on a PC
9. Effortlessness
10. Rascal
11. Modicum
12. Scott
13. Julander
21. Smear
23. Hawaiian bird
26. Joanna of Grayling
27. Antarctic island
28. Large villages
29. Zeros in
30. Pesky bug
31. Dreadful monster
32. Riff and Baby John's gang
33. Chronological periods
34. Turn or over follower
35. Courted
36. Ark skipper
38. Carpenter's joint
41. Bakery items
42. 5th-century invaders
45. Would I lie?
46. Skating places
47. Wet blankets
48. Refrigeration gas
49. Ward off
50. Sycophant's answers
51. "Dumb" character of comics
52. "Beowulf" e.g.
53. Lubavitchers e.g.
54. Designated driver's order
55. "Tell Mama" singer
58. Ike's monogram

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



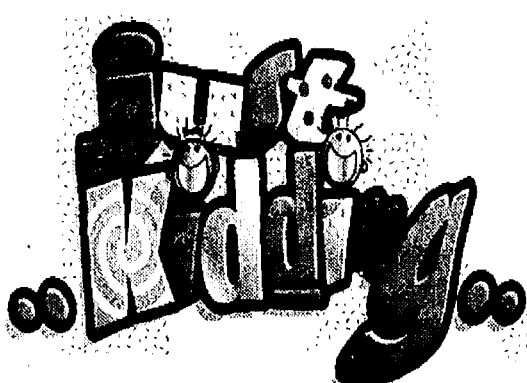
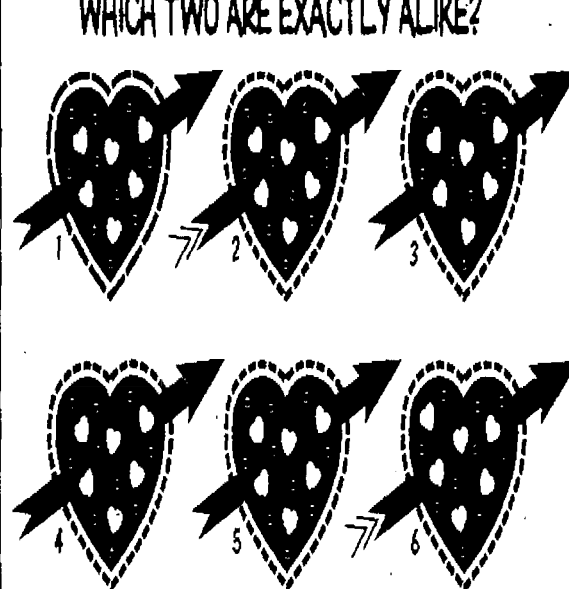
Chocolate Dried Plum Thumbprints

1 cup chopped Sunsweet Dried Plums
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1-1/2 cups brown sugar, packed
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup milk
2 cups quick-cooking oats
In medium saucepan combine dried plums, sugar and 1/2 cup water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in walnuts and

chocolate morsels. Set aside.
Preheat oven to 350°F. In large mixing bowl, beat butter and brown sugar with electric mixer on medium speed, until smooth. With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour, soda and salt, beating until well combined. Stir in milk and oats; mix well. Shape mixture into 1 1/4-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down in center of each with thumb. Bake for 10 minutes; remove from oven. Spoon about 1 teaspoon dried plum mixture into center of each cookie. Bake for 2 to 3 minutes more. Let stand on cookie sheet 1 minute before removing to wire racks. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

FIND THE TWINS

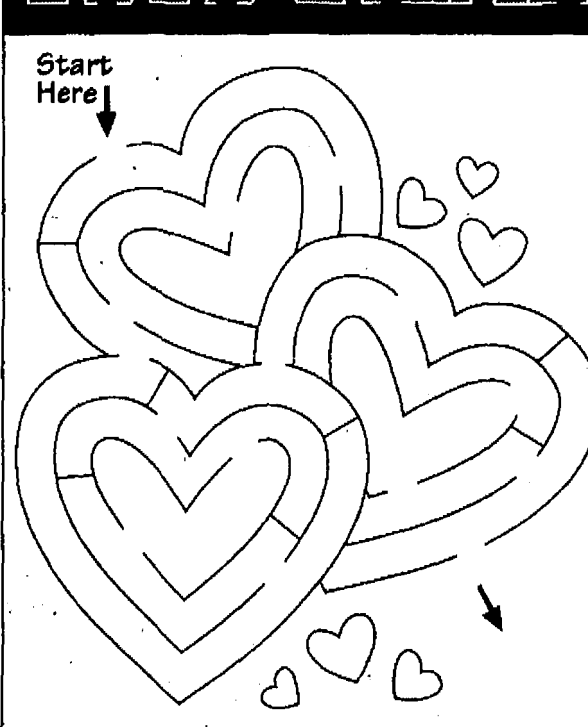
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW

The largest crabs in the world, which stand three feet high and often weigh as much as 30 pounds, live off the coast of Japan.

MAZE



Adopt a Pet



These shepherd mix puppies are sooo soft and cuddly. What a great Valentine's Day present for someone who is looking for a new friend! Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly are big hits! We have only one of the Ocean-Opoly game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 13, 2003

 CAPRICORN December 22 - January 19 Opportunities abound. Take advantage of them to move forward with your goals. A major change is about to take place at home. Prepare yourself.	 ARIES March 21 - April 19 Your financial future is more secure than you realize. Still it wouldn't hurt to add more to your retirement or savings account.	 CANCER June 22 - July 22 You'll soon forget all of the little things you've been worried about as a larger problem moves into the forefront. Deal with it in the most efficient way possible and then go out and have some fun.	 LIBRA September 23 - October 22 Make way for something new. It could be a hobby, an activity, a pet or even a friend. Don't let it interfere, however, with plans you made awhile ago.
 AQUARIUS January 20 - February 18 An idea of yours is under fire. Don't be alarmed. Change isn't easy to accept and even harder to implement. Things will settle down and everyone will benefit from your idea.	 TAURUS April 20 - May 20 A financial windfall is headed your way. Don't be foolish and spend it frivolously. Pay off some debts instead and regain peace of mind.	 LEO July 23 - August 22 Someone close to you is ill, but none of their physicians have been able to make a diagnosis. Encourage them to take charge of their health and seek help elsewhere.	 SCORPIO October 23 - November 21 Your physical fitness routine has become boring. It's time to try something new. Consider pilates, spinning or any of the other more popular concepts on the market.
 PISCES February 19 - March 20 You're feeling more talkative than usual. Be careful what you say. You don't want to reveal too much. Someone could use it against you.	 GEMINI May 21 - June 21 Life at home is at a peak. Your family is happy and the chores around the house are all caught up. Enjoy the good times and have some fun.	 VIRGO August 23 - September 22 A bug is going around at the office, but you are feeling fine. Eat right and get plenty of rest and you might not catch it.	 SAGITTARIUS November 22 - December 21 It's amazing how far a young family member has come. Compliment them on their drive and determination, and encourage them to keep up the good work.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Snow	Weather	Weather	Weather	Weather
2/05	29	10	2				
2/06	16	3	.5				
2/07	20	-17	1				
2/08	15	15	.5				
2/09	21	4	2				
2/10	16	3	1.5				
2/11	15	-23	trace				

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Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.30 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.40 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

1993 MOBILE HOME 16'x80' Must see, many extras. Three acres wooded. New well, septic, barn. State land 525' away. 3357 N. Down River. \$61,900 cash. (248) 627-7622 (-23-30-6-13/1)

1. Real Estate

LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

1. Real Estate

STOP RENTING for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

1. Real Estate

MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

1. Real Estate

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE by owner. Two bedroom, bath and a half off Manistee River Rd., little over 1/2 an acre. Call (989) 348-5741. (-13-20-27-6/1)

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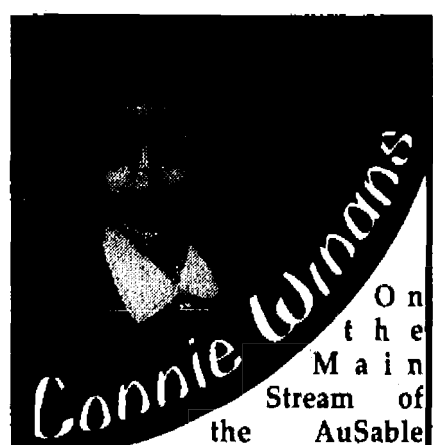


Jeanne Lee

231-933-4700

1-800-794-3440

1111 E. Eighth St.
Traverse City, MI
49686



On the Main Stream of the AuSable River, "Holy Waters!" Quaint two bedroom cottage located right on the banks of the river (a stones throw from the front porch) Features a brick fireplace, knotty pine interior, and a fantastic view. \$168,000 #5070 Ask for Connie!



River Country Real Estate • 2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop (989) 348-5474

Hey Mortgage Lady! I see all of these ads on TV and in the newspapers from other lenders, offering great interest rates on new mortgages and refinancing existing homes. It's got me thinking. But how do I know who to go with? Sincerely, Mighty Confused

Dear Mighty, It's confusing. Shop around, find out rates, fees and the programs available. Consider how comfortable you are with that lender. Lenders that don't work or live in the area may be hard to get a hold of, closings may take place miles from your home, and you may not meet this person handing one of your life's biggest investments. Use caution when giving out your social security number. Obtaining your credit info. often may negatively affect your credit score. Stop by, I'll walk you through the process, at no cost. We will get you **Mighty** informed.

Mortgage North

307 Huron St. Grayling, MI 49738
Phone 989-348-7632
www.mortgagenorth.com



"Mortgage Lady" Liz Noffsinger

ATTENTION!

If you are thinking about selling your home or vacant property, don't list until you have spoken with Fred Shippy or Larry Moore at Coldwell Banker, Cornell Realty. Let us tailor a listing to your specific needs.

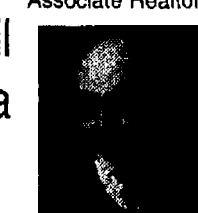
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CORNELL REALTY

989-348-6481



Fred Shippy Associate Realtor



Larry Moore Associate Realtor

2. For Rent

OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE for rental, 1,200 sq. ft. immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT No pets. Old 27 north, Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (8/22/02tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT in town. \$425 month plus gas. Call (989) 348-2473 (-13/2)

1. Real Estate

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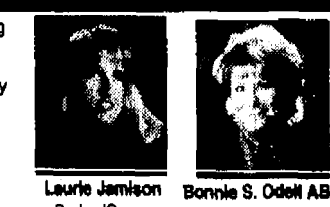
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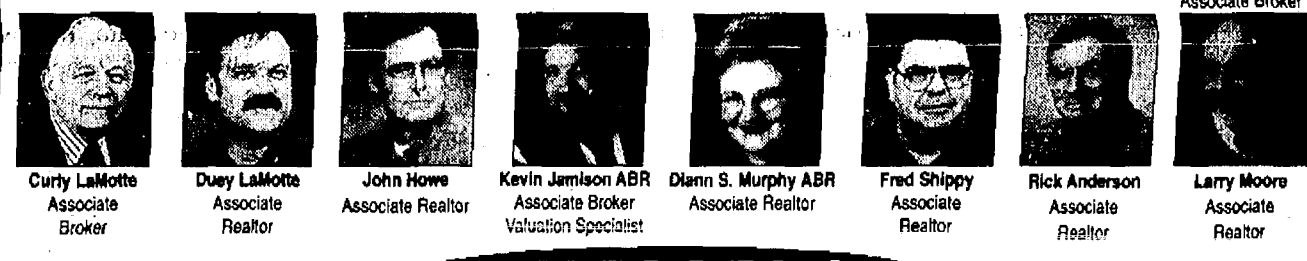
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SALES TEAM



Well Cared For Home! Well cared for 2 bedroom, 2 bath home on 2.5 acres, 24 x 24 foot garage, new water softener, close to Grayling on blacktop road. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. \$79,900 #220909

Cozy Chalet on 2.2 Acres! Very cozy and charming 2BR, 1 bath chalet with lot only 1/4 miles from Lake Manuka in nice neighborhood. Newer kitchen and appliances, including dishwasher. Satellite dish stays. French doors onto front and back decks with gas line hookup on back deck for outdoor grill. \$116,000 #220816

Chalet on Black Forest/Wilderness Valley Golf Course! Beautiful chalet on hill overlooking the 14th hole of Wilderness Valley Golf Course. Enjoy the scenery from the deck while the kids play in the pool! Walk-out finished basement and fireplace, all on 2.5 acres. \$178,500 #221341

Nice Family Home! This home needs some TLC, but will be a great family home. 3 bedrooms; nice and roomy. Close to town and golf course. \$98,900 #20018

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Very Private Log Cabin! A very private 2 bedroom log cabin on 15 acres with room to expand. Includes a large 30 x 36 garage and storage shed. Very clean and ready to move into. \$114,900 #13015



Great Curb Appeal! Immaculate 3 BR, 2 bath home with 12 x 22 enclosed sun room, large master bath, decks on 2 sides, oversized garage with concrete floor-electric drive thru doors. Park like setting, approximately 5 miles from Roscommon and near state land. \$99,900 #11128

Large Remodeled Home! Large 4 BR home recently remodeled with new carpet, drywall, ceramic tile, roof and siding. Fenced yard. This is truly a must see! \$4,000 window allowance included. Sellers are licensed Real Estate Agents. \$79,900 #10426

Newly Remodeled Interior! Just 5 miles from Roscommon, this home is just off a major paved road. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath home has completely remodeled interior, new kitchen, all new electric, and 2 new porches. Close to state land and Kirtland College, great for a family. \$64,900 #221001

Country Home with Pool, Hot Tub & More! 2BR, 2 bath home has a great room that is 17.3 x 23.5 with built-in hot tub. Swimming pool and lots of decking. 13' x 14' glassed in porch and cyclone fenced yard. Road is maintained through town. Property taxes. 24' x 40' pole barn with large door for motor home. New hardwood floors in kitchen/dining room, living room and hall. \$114,900 #224328

10 Acres in Maple Forest! A nice place for your home or vacation house. Great spot for mini-farm in the snow-belt, yet close to I-75 \$26,900 #224910

The Perfect Camping Spot! "Hunt and camp" on this beautiful 10 acre parcel that is all hardwoods. Small building/shed on property. 5th wheel is negotiable. \$25,500 #224444

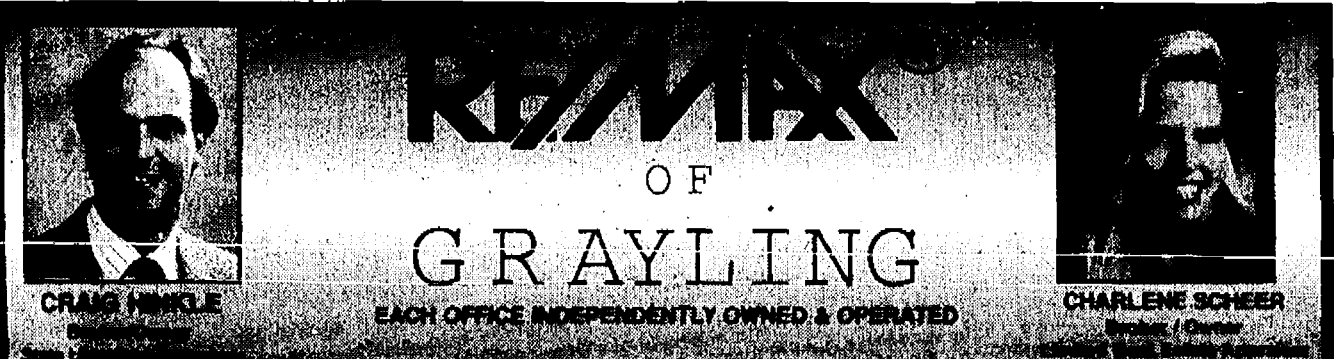
Perfect for Horses! This 10.05 acre property would be excellent for horses. About 90% pasture, possible sight for pond-private off the main road. \$21,000 #223991

10 Acres of Hunting Property! Great hunting land with state land on the East and West side. Power is 660 feet away. Priced right. Will accept a land contract for 3-5 years with 20+% down. \$19,900 #220553

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Hunting Property with Deer Blinds! Beautiful 10.18 acres of hunting property full of oak with 3 deer blinds and power only 360' away. Great building site for home or cabin. \$29,900 #223955

Gorgeous Stand of Hardwoods! 10 acres of beautiful hardwoods. Perfect spot for hunting and camping, small out house on property \$29,900 #224240



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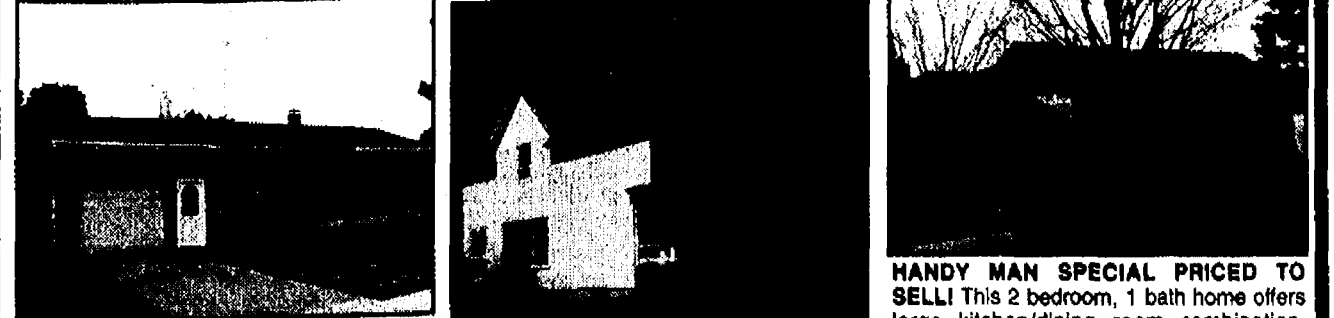
19 ACRES "AUSABLE STATE FOREST" ON 3 SIDES IDEAL HUNTING/SNOWMOBILE CAMP! Located on Snowmobile Trail. Property has access drive w/cable & lock. Older mobile home with path bath, 3 hunting blinds, 10 x 12 storage building, large duck pond on State land on north side, two wells with pitcher pump. CH-1669 \$39,900



CHARMING HOME CLOSE TO TOWN! Great Home in Great Location. Only 1 mile from town! 1,300 s.f., 3 BR, 1 bath, new carpet in family room & utility room, new ceiling & sliding glass door in living room, remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors in bedrooms, very nicely decorated. 2-car garage, blacktop drive, electric pet fence, exterior painted in 2000 w/shutters. To include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. Listed below Appraised Value. CH-1684 \$83,000



PERFECT HOME OR CABIN! Beautiful mature Red & White Pines. Double lot fronting blacktop county maintained road. Great location for four season recreation. 860 s.f., 2 BR, 1 bath, hardwood floors, knotty pine interior, 20 x 20 garage. recent updates include: kitchen, carpet, shingles, electric, and paint. Located 1/2 mile from the snowmobile trails. CH-1669 \$52,000



COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME in the City of Grayling. Close to schools, hospital, and shopping. New plumbing, heating, roof and siding. 3 BR, 2 bath, full finished basement (gress window in basement B/R), recess lighting, sliding door onto rear deck, six panel pine interior doors, and open staircase. 16x24 garage and fenced back yard. CH-1628 \$82,900

VICTORIAN HOME WITH TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE! 4 bedroom, 2 bath recently remodeled. New oak kitchen cabinets & appliances. Pergo floors. Formal dining area. Large living room with fireplace, full basement. 2 car garage on double city lot. CS-1311 \$166,000

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(989) 348-7440

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent, no pets. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, 1-75 Business Loop North. (11/21/02tf/2)

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOME at Lake Margrethe. Available March 1, \$600 per month plus deposit and references. One year lease. No smoking and no pets. (989) 348-8627 (2/13/03tf/2)

BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE for rent. 640 square feet. Excellent traffic location on Federal Highway. One and 1/4 mile west of I-75 Exit 244. (989) 821-5995. (LR3/27/03/2)

FOR RENT

Grayling Housing Commission
Base Rent is based on 30% of
Adjusted Income

Maximum Ceiling Rents

One Bedroom . . . \$400.00
Two Bedroom . . . \$350.00
Three Bedroom . . . \$375.00
Four Bedroom . . . \$400.00
Rent Includes Utilities

These flat rents are the maximum rents to be paid for the units listed above. The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is calculated on 30% of income.

308 Lawndale Drive
Telephone: 989-348-9314



2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME Inquire at Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (10/10/02tf/2)

LARGE ONE BEDROOM upper apartment. No smoking, references and deposit required in Grayling. \$275 month. (989) 348-6552 (-6-13/2)

NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 plus deposit. No pets. (989) 348-2418. (-13/2)

COZY SEMI FURNISHED HOME Two bedroom, close to town, will lease. \$425 plus deposit. (989) 348-5428 (2/6/03tf/2)

2. For Rent

ONE OR TWO BEDROOM upstairs apartment. Conveniently located downtown Grayling. \$375 per month, plus deposit, no pets. Call (989) 348-2833. (-6-13-20-27/2)

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE Range, refrigerator included. One car attached garage, no pets. \$425 month plus \$425 security. Tenant pays utilities. 6186 M-72 West. One mile west of Grayling. (989) 348-4716 (2/13/03tf/2)

BEDROOM FOR RENT Only one mile from uptown Grayling and surrounded by woods and wildlife, enjoy a peaceful setting in this spacious home. \$325 per month. All utilities are free, including cable TV, phone, kitchen, laundry and more. (989) 348-2083. (-6-13/2)

SMALL TWO BEDROOM HOUSE for rent. Half way between Kalkaska and Grayling. 1/2 mile from Bear Lake. \$485 month plus utilities. (231) 275-6887 (-13/2)

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT with one bath, laundry room, garage and all appliances. Security deposit required. (989) 348-8471 (-6-13/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS is now accepting applications for immediate occupancy, as well as waiting list positions. Very nice, two bedroom, two bath apartments with an attached garage and central air conditioning in a private secluded setting. Lease includes appliances, weekly garbage pickup, snow removal, and lawn care. Paved street, natural gas. Credit application required. No pets. Inquire at Farm Bureau Insurance-Herb Olson (989) 348-9456. (-23-30-6-13/2)

TWO BEDROOM, TWO BATH DUPLEX with appliances and garage, close to town. Phone (989) 348-8066. (2/6/03tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM Remodeled, no smoking, no pets. Six miles east of Grayling. \$450 month. (989) 348-4840 (-23-30-6-13/2)

2. For Rent

SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM upper in Grayling. Includes all utilities plus trash pick-up, snow plowing. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, digital cable furnished. Lots of storage and closet space. Carpeted throughout. Only quiet, responsible persons need apply. No smoking, no pets. \$565 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Phone (989) 348-8993 (-6-13/2)

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger in Roscommon has One and Two bedroom units for immediate occupancy by qualified persons. Rent based on income, no minimum. Applications at office on site or call (989) 275-4061 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group, Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin St., Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-23-30-6-13/2)

2. For Rent

OLDER TWO BEDROOM HOUSE in Beaver Creek Township. \$450 per month plus utilities, references plus one month security deposit. (989) 275-4126 and leave a message. (-30-6-13/2)

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS 306 Knight Street in Grayling has a one bedroom unit available for immediate occupancy. Rent based on income, no minimum. Applications at office on site or call. (989) 348-5837 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-23-30-6-13/2)

THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

2. For Rent

LARGE ONE BEDROOM HOUSE Available February 18, 2003. 101D State St., Grayling. AuSable River access. \$395 per month and utilities, references and one month deposit required. No pets. Accepting applications now. (989) 348-4464 (-13-20/2)

3. Employment

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3. Employment

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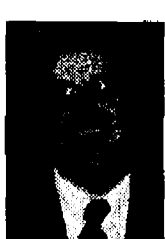
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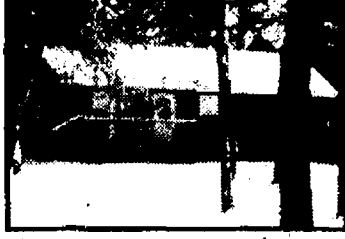
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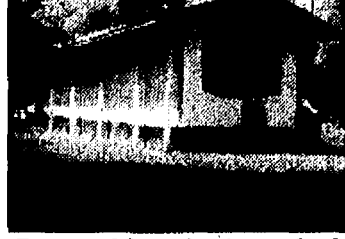
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8. Announcements**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Programs for Youth in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Program dollars of approximately \$900,000 are available. Of this amount, \$360,000 must be expended on Out-of-School Youth Programs. The remainder of \$540,000 is to be expended on In-School Youth Programs.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Onaway Michigan Worksl Service Center.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Worksl Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 28, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Northeast Michigan Consortium
Workforce Investment Act
Incumbent Worker Training Program**

Northeast Michigan Consortium is soliciting proposals from qualified educational agencies and training providers for an Incumbent Worker Training Program for private sector employers. Programs funded with these dollars are strongly suggested to be patterned after the Economic Development Job Training (EDJC) grants as funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Incumbent Workers are currently employed workers who need training to advance or avert layoffs. Training may be in basic skills, occupational skills or customized training and may include "soft skills" as part of an overall "package."

Funding is anticipated to be approximately \$43,500 from the Workforce Investment Act through the Michigan Department of Career Development. Proposals will be accepted beginning with receipt of this notice and will continue to be accepted anytime thereafter, until funding is no longer available. A priority will be given to proposals received by February 18, 2003. Acceptable proposals received after that date will be funded on a first come first request basis. Due to the short timeframe, proposals should be concise and no more than five pages in length.

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The release of this notice and initiation of the procurement of training providers does not require Northeast Michigan Consortium to award funding or programs and may terminate this process in whole or in part at any time.

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8. Announcements

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Crawford County United Way

Crawford County United Way will be holding an Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, 8:15 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall. The meeting will include election of the Board of Directors officers, and the 2002 Annual Report. Members are encouraged to attend. Any questions please call April Brunger, Crawford County United Way Director at 344-9300.

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9. Personals

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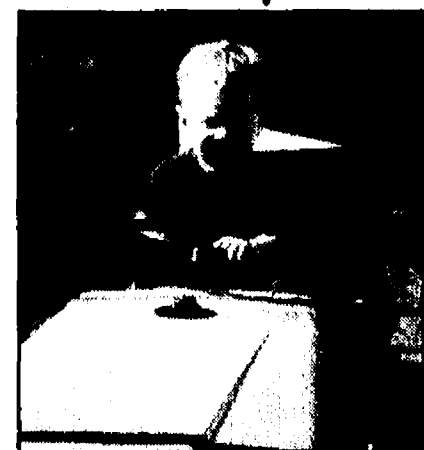
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February 15th
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Mom, Dad
& Jeremey

Happy 16th Birthday

Justin
February 17



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9. Personals

PRAYER TO THE Blessed Virgin (never known to fail) - most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that You are my Mother. O, Holy Mary, Mother of God. Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in my necessity. (Make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (Three times). Holy Mary, place this prayer in your hands. (Three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then publish it and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. 3x (-13/9)

PRAYER To the Holy Spirit, You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and You who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank You for your love towards me and my loved ones. Person must pray this three consecutive days without asking for a wish. After third day, your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish this dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted. 3x (-13/9)

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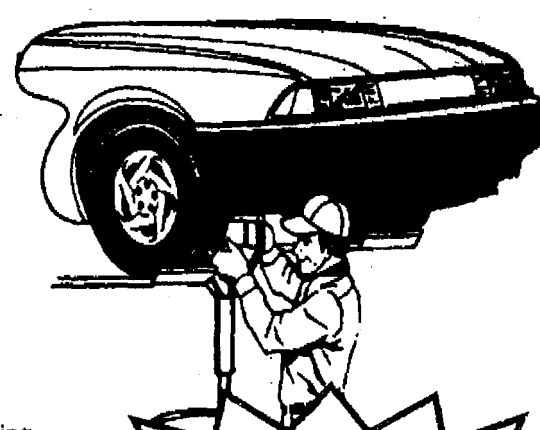
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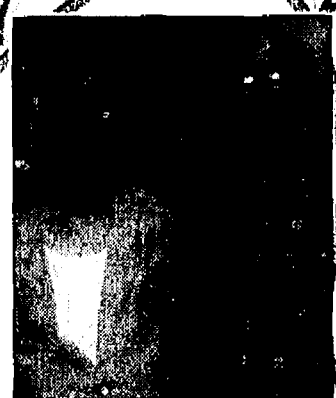
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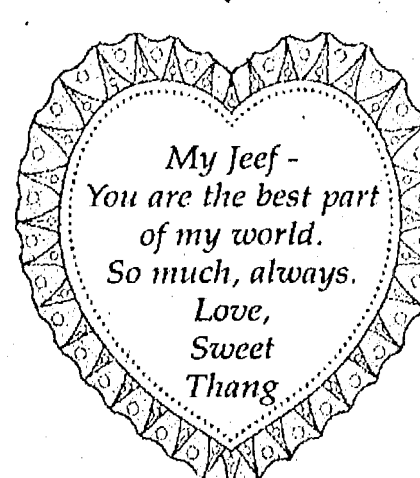
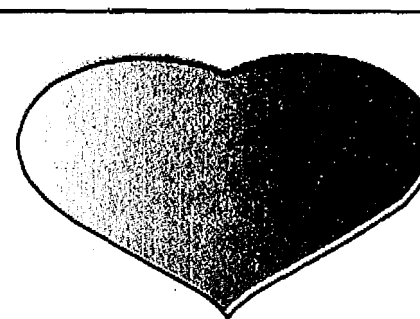
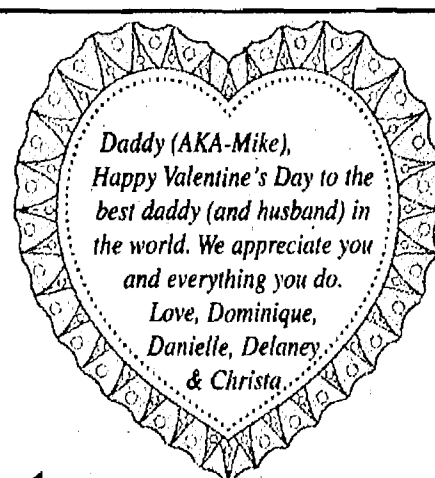
9. Personals

Happy Valentine's Day & 50th Anniversary!

Love,
All Your Kids



To My Valentine!



Love you & miss you...

Mom, Erin, Eric and Grams

Happy Valentine's Day To Our Sweethearts

Love,
Grandma & Grandpa Reichelderfer



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Edie Mae born Feb. 14, 19??



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Love,
Grandma & Grandpa Northrop & Grandma & Grandpa Richie



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Happy Valentine's Day!

Love,
Mom, Grandma & Great Grandma



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I Love Cindy P.

Happy Valentine's Day to the greatest parents in the world: Phyllis and Willard Pfeff. I would be nothing without you & we love you and here's to 42 more wonderful years. Congratulations and to the rest of my family, you know who you are - Happy Valentine's Day. I love you all. Lori



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School board votes 6-1 to close Frederic Elementary

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board made a decision Monday night on a troublesome issue that is facing school boards throughout the state. With schools facing at least an eleven percent funding cut next year, boards are looking for ways to trim their budgets. One way is closing school buildings.

The board had met just the previous Wednesday, February 5 with approximately 70 residents of Frederic and Maple Forest to answer their questions and listen to their concerns regarding the possible closure of Frederic Elementary. The board received resolutions from both Frederic and Maple Forest Township at these meetings stating that the closing of Frederic Elementary would be devastating to the community. One section of the Maple Forest resolution stated "Maple Forest Township feels that Frederic Elementary School is of vital enough importance to mention it in chapter 3 of our master plan."

When Board President Karl Schreiner announced the second reading on the proposed closing, Board Treasurer John Pilon asked to speak first. He read a prepared statement to the audience (text follows). He said it was fiscally responsible to vote in favor of the recommended closing.

Trustee Marilyn Rosi thanked the people of Frederic for coming to meetings to express their concerns. Past transfers have been successful, Rosi said. She added this transfer needs support

from parents so that it can be a positive experience for all.

Board Vice President Carol Ramaswamy echoed those sentiments.

Secretary Melvin "Pat" Nunn said he has real feelings for the community of Frederic but he agreed with Pilon that closing the school was the right thing to do.

Trustee Gary Pettyjohn said he had had no idea how hard this decision would be, but he couldn't live with himself if the board dug a financial hole "one we can't get out of."

Trustee James Tobin was the only board member who said he was not in favor of closing Frederic Elementary. He said the proposed closing would "cut the essence - the very foundation out of the community."

The roll call vote for closing Frederic Elementary was 6 aye, 1 nay.

Frederic parent Michelle Stanley said she was very disappointed with the vote and hoped the closure was for only one year. She also expressed the hope that the administration will work with parents regarding bus-ing which concerns many parents in the Frederic area.

Stanley also said she felt the Frederic Elementary parents got a bit of a scolding at the meeting. She said it is not up to just the Frederic parents to help ensure the transfer is a positive experience. Parents of elementary students throughout the district should work to ensure the smooth transition.

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Deputy says he owes his life to the Sheriff



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Frederic Fire Chief Doug Pratt (in white helmet) and firefighter Jamey Owens check on the condition of Crawford County Sheriff Deputy Jason Alexander after his patrol car was rear-ended in whiteout conditions by a large tow truck February 4 on northbound I-75. This is the second accident of its kind in two years where a patrol car was hit while sheriff's personnel were out on a motorist assist. Also shown first to the scene were Capt. Art Clough, Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs and Frederic firefighters Ken Halstead and David Pratt.

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

No one knows what would have happened had the patrol car 23-year old Deputy Jason Alexander was driving last week not undergone recall work in December.

For the second time in two years, a Crawford County Sheriff's patrol car was struck from behind while assisting motorists who slid off the road

during heavy snowfall.

At about 4:15 p.m. on February 4, Deputy Alexander was sitting in his cruiser on the shoulder of the highway. He had just finished writing a ticket for one of two drivers he was assisting near the 267 mile marker on northbound I-75, when he was struck from behind by a large semi wrecker. Visibility was down to just a few yards due to lake effect

snow.

"All I remember was all of a sudden there was smoke in the car, and glass... and when I looked down there was blood on my hands," Alexander said. The collision threw him to the floor of the cruiser.

The smoke Alexander described was not smoke at all. It was the fire-fighting powder built into a fire panel installed on December 11, 2002 to pro-

tect the gas tank of the Ford Crown Victoria.

Ford Motor Company began performing the recall work on police cruisers after 13 officers around the country died when their cars burst into flames following collisions similar to what happened to Alexander.

According to Ford, none of the cars which have received the

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It's hockey time!



Photo courtesy of Tom Wellman

An estimated 40 to 50 kids play hockey on the ice rink created by volunteers near the Grayling Middle School, but there are some problems with the location. Parks Committee member Tom Wellman would like to see a new rink built near the new city hall and the SeaBees have offered to build it.

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The ice rink created the last two years on school property by volunteers is a very popular spot. Two or three times each day, 40-50 kids play hockey

there, providing a needed recreation opportunity for area youth.

Parks Committee member Tom Wellman has been heading up the work on the rink for the past two years and is proud of

the results, but he said the time is now to make the decision to build a new one on city property, instead of school property.

Wellman suggests the new
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Little Gypsy lives up to her name

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Little did Dick and Jeri Selthoffer know that their little beagle would one day live up to her name -- Gypsy.

On February 1, Dick was out with Gypsy, hunting in the North Wakeley Bridge Road and County Road 612 area, near Lovells, when they became separated. Over the next six days, the Selthoffers spent hours driving the back roads and trails looking for their beloved pet.

Only 13 inches tall and weighing only 20 pounds, the dog was no match for the bitter cold temperatures and heavy snowfall Crawford County has experienced recently. Or, so the Selthoffers thought.

Missing Gypsy terribly, Jeri and Dick created and distributed flyers around the county. Soon calls began coming in from people who believed they had seen the little dog.

Some had even tried to talk her into trusting them, but she proved too shy and would run away.

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Photo courtesy of Dick and Jeri Selthoffer

Dick Selthoffer holds his little dog, Gypsy, who lived up to her name recently when she traveled all over the county for six days before being found.

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Camp Grayling's 1438th mobilized

The 1438th Engineer Detachment (Utility), 507th Engineer Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard stationed at Camp Grayling, has received notification of a Presidential Call-Up in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle.

The unit mobilized at Camp Grayling on February 10 and prepared their equipment for departure to their mobilization station.

Once at the mobilization station, the soldiers will spend about a week in-processing before moving on to their duty assignment. The final destination of the unit has not yet been confirmed.

"We follow in our forefathers' footsteps, the original Minutemen, ready to deploy whenever and wherever we are needed," said Staff Sergeant Matthew Jody, 1438th Readiness NCO. "This unit has been called upon in the past to support real world missions, and I'm confident will represent Michigan well, once again."

The 1438th EN DET has been deployed overseas several times in the past. In 1999, the unit deployed to Latvia for six weeks on an assistance and training mission with Michigan's partner state in the U.S. State Department's Partnership for Peace (PfP) program.

Parents offer reward to find son's killer

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

More than a year and a half after their 21-year old son was found shot to death on a wooded two-track near the Grayling Township Industrial Park, David and Kathy Piehl have still found no justice.

According to Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, Shane Piehl was murdered in an Oxycontin for cocaine deal gone bad. But who put two bullets in Shane's head and left him lying next to his car on that breezy and sunny afternoon of May 29, 2001? Where is the murder weapon? His parents and family want to know.

"It seems like we are just sitting still and nothing's happening," Kathy said about finding her son's killer or killers. She said it seems as though the case has just faded away from the minds of investigators and the prosecutor. "I feel like they are just blowing this off. I have not been hounding them, but they take their time returning my calls for updates."

She and her husband's memories of the tragedy have not faded. They live each day wondering when someone will finally come forward and tell the truth, and answer the many questions that have gone unanswered. "Not finding the answers and justice is killing my husband," Kathy said. "David is quite depressed and feeling as though the system has failed him."

Kathy has her breaking points, too, and struggles some days to get by emotionally. She said it seems like she and her family just exist, that they go through their daily routines, but really don't feel like they are living life normally since Shane's death.

Last year in May -- nearly a year to the date of Shane's murder -- one of his acquaintances, then 41-year old Randee Craig Johnson, (also known as Panda) was found not guilty by 12 jurors at his open murder trial in 46th Circuit Trial Court. Kathy believes the prosecution may have rushed to trial before building a good enough case against Johnson to appease those anxious to see someone brought to trial. Johnson had bragged to friends that he shot Shane twice in the head because he wouldn't sell any of his Oxycontin, then later said he was just kidding.

Another suspect in the murder investigation was mentioned several times during the 2001 trial, that of Michael Bergan, who is currently in prison for stealing over \$100,000 from a local businessman. He has not been charged in any way with the slaying. "Even though I know Mr. Huss has his suspicions about Mike Bergan, I don't want him to rush to trial without enough evidence to convict him," Kathy said.

To help gather enough evidence against whoever shot Shane, the Piehl family is offering a \$3,000 reward for information which leads to the arrest and conviction of his killer or killers.

Once the activities were revealed, Kathy had to ask herself many questions regarding Shane selling his prescription drug Oxycontin and over-medicating himself. She said, shortly before his death, she was becoming concerned that he may have been taking too much of the painkiller but had no idea he was selling his medication or how deeply entrenched in the local drug scene he had become.

"No matter what he was doing -- and I won't make any excuses for him -- he did not deserve to die like this," Kathy said. "And we need to bring his killer to justice."

Kathy urges anyone with any information regarding the death of her son, Shane Piehl, to write to her at P.O. Box 991, Grayling, MI 49738.

Shelter kicks off annual campaign

For many years, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County in Grayling has strived to educate the public of the advantages of having their pets spayed or neutered. This year is no different, but it takes donations from the public to provide this very valuable service.

AS in the past, the period of February 14-28 is designated to raise money using the "Have a Heart for the Animals" campaign. Many businesses in Grayling and around Crawford County have volunteered to participate in this fund-raiser and will be selling bright pink paper hearts to those willing to donate \$1.00 more to the cause. Donors will be asked to write their name or a pet's name on each heart purchased for display, letting the whole world know they care about the welfare of animals.

Proceeds from the Have a Heart campaign will help pay the cost of low-cost spaying/neutering for those pet owners who can't otherwise afford the procedures, as well as those pets at the shelter waiting for adoption. Shelter Manager, Dixie Lobsinger, said because the Crawford County area is depressed economically, many pet owners are unable to have their pets altered. As a result, many litters of unwanted puppies and kittens are born each year. Many end up at the shelter.

While the mission of the animal shelter is to save lives and find homes for unwanted cats and dogs through adoption, rescue groups and other forms of networking, many of them (especially cats) are euthanized when conditions become overcrowded and few people come forward to welcome the pets into their homes.

Besides the benefits of reducing the unwanted pet population, there are health and safety benefits to having pets spayed or neutered. Male dogs and cats tend to stay closer to home -- and off busy streets -- once altered, and female animals avoid carrying litter after litter of babies. For both males and females, alteration lowers the risk of many diseases and afflictions, giving animals a chance for a longer, healthier life.

For more information about the Have a Heart campaign, low-cost spaying/neutering opportunities, or any of the animals up for adoption at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, call (989) 348-4117 or stop by at 508-1/2 Huron Street in Grayling. To make a donation by mail, make checks payable to the ASCC, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Help save the lives of many unwanted dogs and cats.

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Governor's 'Great Start' applauded by educators

► Granholm fails to address crucial issue of funding law enforcement

by Corbin Sullivan
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Crawford County officials see positive change ahead in education and environmental policy, while bracing for budget shortfalls following Gov. Jennifer Granholm's first State of the State address.

Granholm emphasized a need to push through the difficulty of dealing with a state budget that's \$285 million short this year.

"Only challenge produces the opportunity for greatness," Granholm said. "Michigan, we are challenged."

She blamed the Engler administration for budget shortfalls, but said her administration would do everything possible to ensure a balanced budget for the future.

"I will have to cut deep to do so," the governor warned.

Among areas where Granholm urged the need for change, she cited education as the most important if the state is to succeed economically in the long term.

"Good teaching is the key to

our economic well-being," Granholm said. "A cut to education is a cut to the heart."

Her education initiatives take root in the Great Start program she proposed in the speech. Great Start would emphasize education before children reach school age. The years from birth to the age of five are the most important in a child's future educational development, according to Granholm.

106th District Rep. Matthew Gillard (D-Alpena) saw Granholm's education initiative as a swift way to improve Michigan's schooling.

"Her program is one that can be implemented quickly," Gillard said.

He also mentioned much of the funding for Great Start would come from the private sector, so it won't create a drastic increase in state or local spending.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Milli Haug was excited by Granholm's promises about education.

"I do believe she really intends to help us improve our system," Haug said. "I like the teeth she's putting into the truancy situation."

Granholm proposed the state not allow students to get their driver's license if they drop out

of school or are chronically truant.

Haug did identify some concerns that were not addressed in the speech, including home schooling. "I hope she covers the home schooling situation, because it's not well regulated now, and I think it makes it easier for kids to drop out."

The Crawford AuSable School District also faces the possibility of severe funding cuts in the next year. Haug said the best case scenario would be an 11 percent cut. That would take \$1.5 million out of a \$16 million budget for the upcoming school year. Some staff and learning programs will be cut, Haug said.

Gillard mentioned other points in Granholm's speech that could prove helpful to the Crawford County area.

For example, Gillard applauded the governor's proposal to strictly regulate out-of-state and Canadian trash that is brought to Michigan landfills.

Gillard co-sponsored legislation to tackle the issue of out-of-state dumping, which he said could be a future problem for Crawford County.

There is no out-of-state dumping in Crawford County currently because the landfills are not approved for as wide a range of waste as others in the state. As

other state landfills begin to overflow, Crawford County could see trash coming its way.

"It's an issue that can and will be addressed," Gillard said.

One problem in Crawford County that Granholm didn't cover was police support. The county depends on state police to provide part of its daytime and evening road patrol and all of the midnight police coverage outside of the city of Grayling. Some already see the coverage as insufficient, but more cuts could be on the way.

"I want the people making the cuts to realize the need in the northern counties," Gillard said. "It's the only road patrol in some places."

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe agreed, saying, "This whole area is really underserved by state government and state police."

The Grayling area will survive further state budget cuts, said Lowe, but it will take creative planning.

"We're just about to go into our budget process," Lowe said. "We simply won't be able to budget for anything unless we know we have that money."

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GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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Judge sends two-time home invader to prison

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Circuit Court Judge Dennis Murphy showed little compassion for a two-time felon when he sentenced an Owosso man to 30 to 180 months in state prison for breaking into two Crawford County homes last August.

Eric Alan Atkins received his sentence on February 6 after telling Judge Murphy the reason he broke into the homes and took over \$2,500 in electronics, camping gear, power tools and other items was because he had just started work after being laid off and still needed money.

Atkins pled guilty to one charge of second degree felony home invasion at his arraignment last month in exchange for the dismissal of a second count of the same charge.

In a written confession to the Sheriff's Office, Atkins admitted he planned to take the stolen goods downstate to sell at pawn shops. He used a knife to pry open windows and screens to gain entry to both homes.

Judge Murphy asked the 28-year old how he picked the two Stephan Bridge Road residences

for break-ins, and Atkins replied, "It was the spur of the moment. I saw the houses and nobody was home."

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss said Atkins shows a pattern of felonious activity and recommended he receive a three-year prison sentence. "Maybe he will think about it before doing it again," Huss remarked. The maximum penalty for the crime is 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

Huss said most of the property was recovered with the exception of about \$90 in loose change and a flashlight. Damage to windows and screens amounted to about \$200, but Huss said the homeowners are not seeking restitution.

Prior to the break-ins, Atkins relocated to the Grayling area and was staying with family members near the targeted homes in South Branch Township. Atkins got off probation in April, 2001 after serving 10 months in jail for felony breaking and entering downstate.

"Didn't they treat you tough

enough the first time?" asked Judge Murphy. "You got off pretty easy. How long do you think it would take for you to learn not to do this again?"

Atkins answered in a questioning tone, "Twenty-four months?"

"You have committed two felonies and four misdemeanors for a total of six crimes," Judge Murphy stated. "Do you enjoy spending time in court? Don't you enjoy jumping in the car and going to the movies on a Saturday night? You know you can't do anything if you're in jail. Why did you break and enter again?"

"I needed money to get a vehicle," Atkins answered.

"Everybody needs money," Judge Murphy said, "but not everyone breaks into a home to get it."

Atkins learned his sentence and Judge Murphy added, "When you get out, you'll be 30. Then, maybe, you will be ready to do things right. Ten months didn't do any good; maybe 30 months will work... and you will serve the entire 30 months."

Counselor pleads guilty to impaired driving

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School's elementary school counselor David Clyde Holzbauer pled guilty February 4 in 83rd District Court to the lesser charge of misdemeanor impaired driving, after Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss agreed to dismiss two original charges of misdemeanor drunk driving in exchange for the plea.

Holzbauer was stopped for speeding by a Crawford County Deputy on January 3 near AuSable Trail and M-72 West in Grayling Township. A roadside breath test showed Holzbauer had a .20 blood alcohol level, twice the legal limit. He was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) and taken to the Crawford County Jail where he posted a \$100

bond and was released.

Judge John G. Hunter accepted the plea and sentenced Holzbauer to six months probation and ordered him to enroll, within 30 days, with the Victims Impact Panel and Alcohol Highway Safety Education classes. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 fine, \$230 in court costs and \$50 to the Crime Victims Fund.

Holzbauer would have faced a sentence of up to 93 days in jail and/or \$100-\$500 fine and/or 45 days community service had he

been convicted of the original charge of OUIL.

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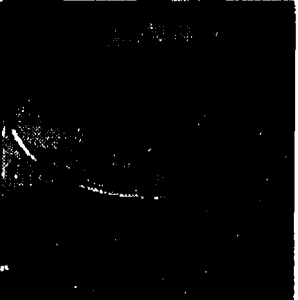
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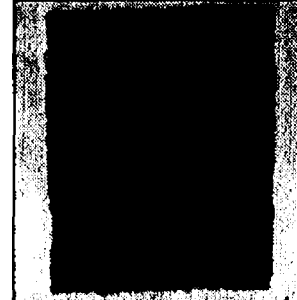
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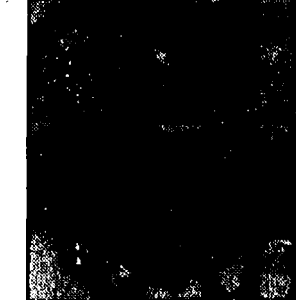
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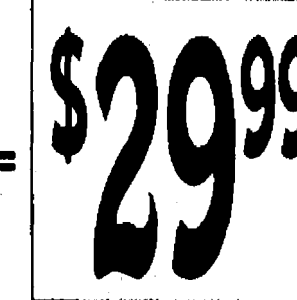

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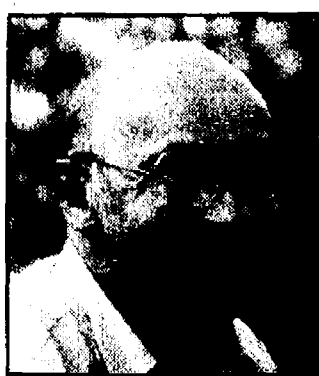


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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Get out your scissors and join the fun

GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM has set the standards, and the game is on: How does state government reduce spending to fit inside Michigan's nearly bare pocketbook?

In the governor's annual "State of the State" message the other day, and in other public appearances before and since, Governor Granholm has made it clear she does not favor higher taxes to balance the 2003-04 fiscal year budget, which is about \$2 billion short of expected revenues.

The alternative she favors is to cut spending.

Another standard Ms. Granholm has emphasized in her approach to governance is inclusiveness.

In her reach-out approach to her job, she promises everyone has a seat at the table.

It follows then that she would love to have suggestions from every Michigander on how to cut state spending and balance the budget.

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IN HER OWN initial approach to cut spending, Governor Granholm has made various proposals:

Call in 1,000 state cars, limit cell phones, cut out color copying, freeze new state hires, cut all department budgets across the board by some small uniform percentage, and turn out the lights in state buildings when not in use.

She even advised to keep using old stationery with former Governor John Engler's name on it until it runs out.

Reporters and editors at *The Lansing State Journal* got into the swing of things, too, with a two-page spread listing 100 ways to cut spending and raise state revenue which they claim would produce \$1.7 billion -- almost enough to balance next year's looming budget deficit.

Some innovative ways to raise revenue included sell naming rights to state buildings like sports teams do, issue a special "Budget Crisis" license plate, sales tax on movie tickets and a 10 percent tax on tickets to college sports

events, a form of "user fee" for Canadian trash coming into Michigan.

They also suggested rescind pending cuts in the state income tax, raise the beer tax and diesel fuel tax, sell the state fairgrounds in Detroit and Escanaba as well as the conservation conference center at Higgins Lake, higher penalties for tax cheats, continue the state inheritance tax, higher fees at state parks.

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MOST OF THE 100 ideas in *The Lansing Journal*, however, were ways to save money.

Leading the list was lower pay for top state officials -- getting top elected state officials to surrender voluntarily the 40 percent pay raise over the last two years.

That includes legislators, the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, supreme court justices, and judges throughout the state.

Both the executive office and legislature should "set an example" by harsh budget cuts in their own operations, the newspaper suggested. It's always a good

idea to lead by doing.

Other suggestions were to close tourist welcome stations and the state film office, eliminate funding for the state board of education, early prisoner release, provide three fewer holidays for state workers and rescind scheduled state pay hikes, take away state subsidies to Amtrack, eliminate the state racing commissioner and state subsidies for a variety of horse racing purses, and on and on.

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THE POINT IS that anybody can produce lots of ways to cut state government spending or raise more money.

If a handful of reporters and editors can figure out 100 ways to cut spending and raise money and almost balance the budget, surely the folks solving the world's problems at coffee klatches around the state every morning can come up with innovative ideas, too. It's a game everyone can play.

Getting budget balancing ideas enacted into law can be an entirely different

challenge, however.

Consider that the controlling Republican leadership in the Michigan House of Representatives decided their 62 members need another \$5,000 a year for each GOP member to run his/her office.

In the real spirit of austerity, we presume, they decided the \$5,000 per office increase applies only to Republicans. No Democrats allowed. The 47 Democrats will have to make do with \$97,500 to run their offices.

Ignoring for the moment the question of fairness, with deficits at hand in the current budget and potential financial disaster looming in the new budget, this action defies both reason and responsibility.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan)

Hometown Defense: Supporting local men and women on the frontlines

When our nation first fought for its freedom, a group of patriots banded together in defense of their hometowns. They were called the Minutemen because on a moment's notice they were ready to respond to an attack.

September the 11th showed us that the tradition of the Minutemen -- and women -- continues today. Within moments of the attack on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon, local police, firefighters, paramedics and public safety and emergency management officials were on the scene trying to save lives and minimize the damage.

They were -- and remain -- on the front lines of hometown defense in this new war against terrorism.

For the past several months, I have been traveling throughout Michigan meeting with the public safety officials who have been given the mission of trying to prevent an attack or being the first on

the scene to save lives if one occurs.

From the Upper Peninsula to Detroit, I heard the same message over and over: "Help us get the training, personnel and equipment we need to protect the people we need to protect, and help us meet our obligations in the face of these new threats to our communities."

And I'm sure this plea is being repeated by state and local authorities across the nation. Look at all we are asking them to defend: Almost 600,000 bridges, 170,000 drinking water systems, more than 2,800 power plants -- 104 of them nuclear -- 190,000 miles of natural gas pipelines, 463 skyscrapers, nearly 20,000 miles of border -- and that doesn't count the thousands of airports, stadiums, miles of train tracks, the food supply and schools that serve more than 285 million people spread out over 3,717,792 square miles.

To get our hometown defenders the resources they need, I have co-

sponsored the Homeland Security Block Grant Act of 2003. This proposed legislation would provide \$3.5 billion in financial support to state and local governments that presently are bearing the cost of increased security alone.

Of the total amount, \$2.1 billion will go directly to 1,000 counties, cities and towns that are judged most in danger of attack because of targets -- like nuclear power plants or fuel storage facilities -- that lie within their jurisdiction.

Almost \$1 billion will be awarded to the states with the obligation that they transfer that entire amount to their smaller communities where the threat of terrorism also seems large.

Finally, \$500 million will go to the states to help develop training and coordination plans, as well as better communications both within their state and across the nation.

There is certainly a global component to the war on terrorism.

That's why I supported a 10-percent increase in funding for the military in the Defense Department last year.

But, as 9-11 showed us, defense of our homeland begins right in our hometowns and I hope the Administration will get behind our efforts to give our modern-day Minutemen and Minutewomen the support they need.

Our homeland defense will only be as strong as the weakest link at the state and local levels. By providing our communities with the resources and tools they need to bolster emergency response efforts, strengthen local public health systems, and provide for other security initiatives, we will have a better-prepared home front and a stronger America.

Supporting our local law enforcement and rescue agencies in their new responsibilities is not only critical -- failure to do so could be catastrophic.

VIEWPOINT

Washington Notes from Senator Carl Levin

Dealing with unwelcome waste

Michigan is facing an intolerable situation with regard to the importation of waste from other states and Canada.

Canada is the largest source of waste imports to Michigan. Approximately 65 truckloads of waste come in to Michigan per day from Toronto alone, and an estimated 110-130 trucks come in from Canada each day.

This problem isn't going to get any better. Ontario's waste shipments are growing as the Toronto area signs new contracts for waste disposal here and closes its two remaining landfills. At the begin-

ning of 1999, the Toronto area was generating about 2.8 million tons of waste annually, about 700,000 tons of which were shipped to Michigan. By early this year, barring unforeseen developments, the entire 2.8 million tons will be shipped to Michigan for disposal.

Why can't Canada dispose of its trash in Canada? They say that after 20 years of searching they have not been able to find a suitable Ontario site for Toronto's garbage. Ontario has about 345,000 square miles compared to Michigan's 57,000 square miles.

With six times the land mass, that argument is laughable.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality estimates that, for every five years of disposal of Canadian waste at the current usage volume, Michigan is losing a full year of landfill capacity. The environmental impacts on landfills, including groundwater contamination, noise pollution and foul odors, are exacerbated by the significant increase in the use of our landfills from sources outside of Michigan.

I have teamed up with Senator Stabenow and Congressman Dingell to introduce legislation that would strengthen our ability to stop shipments of waste from Canada.

We have protections contained in a 17 year-old international agreement between the U.S. and Canada called the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste. The U.S. and Canada entered into this agreement in 1986 to allow the shipment of hazardous waste across the U.S./Canadian border for treatment, storage or disposal. In 1992, the two countries decided to add municipal solid waste to the agreement.

To protect both countries, the agreement requires notification of shipments to the importing country and it also provides that the importing country may withdraw

consent for shipments. Both reasons are evidence that these shipments were intended to be limited. However, the agreement's provisions have not been enforced by the United States.

Canada could not export waste to Michigan without the 1986 agreement, but the U.S. has not implemented the provisions that are designed to protect the people of Michigan. Although those of us that introduced this legislation believe that the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to enforce this agreement, they have not done so. Our bill would require the EPA to enforce the agreement.

In order to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Michigan and our environment, we must consider the impact of the importation of trash on state and local recycling efforts, landfill capacity, air emissions, road deterioration resulting from increased vehicular traffic and public health and the environment.

Our bill would require the EPA to consider these factors in determining whether to accept imports of trash from Canada. It is my strong view that such a review should lead the EPA to say "no" to the status quo of trash imports.

Senator Carl Levin (D) is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan

EDITOR

Evening on the Internet brings back old memories

To the editor,

I discovered the Grayling business list while surfing the Web this evening (February 8).

In 1950 and 1951, I was privileged to be a neighbor of Whitey Madsen while boarding at Mrs. William MacNeven's home. She was Spike MacNeven's mom. Little did I realize that Whitey would someday occupy the Editor's position at the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

The town jeweler, Floyd Davis, was my ham radio friend who lived a few doors away. Coincidentally, he sang at my father's funeral in 1964.

Having reached my declining years, I find myself surveying earlier and impressive years. Recently my thoughts wandered back to school days at GHS (Grayling High School) and my favorite teacher -- Mrs. Hansen of the English Department.

She had a unique gift of opening up shy people like me. Her

influence was most profound as she coached members of the annual Junior and Senior Play. Each night the curtain went up, we did our best -- not wanting to disappoint Mrs. Hansen.

Isn't this the idea, to be sought after in that honored profession? She helped implant and equip us with youthful idealism! No doubt my fellow students experienced a similar affinity with this dear person. She made us feel like she was one of us and we were somebody! She never talked down to us, even while exercising discipline.

It would be a unique experience and honor to correspond with old classmates via e-mail. I welcome also the opportunity of meeting ham radio operators from Grayling. My e-mail address is w6pss@aol.com.

David Olsen
Ramona, CA
Formerly of Shupac Lake
Lovells

Astronauts' spirits remain

To the editor,

We have all been affected by the (Space Shuttle) Columbia tragedy. These astronauts represented the best in all of us on this small planet.

Their passing has brought forth the rising of the American spirit once again. I remember the Challenger tragedy and of course 9/11 will always be there.

It was President John F. Kennedy who challenged us to enter into space exploration. There is a wall of honor at NASA where these courageous spirits who blazed a trail are listed. They made a significant contribution to the human condition and space exploration.

I am humbled by the outpouring of grief and respect for these brave space pioneers from all over the globe. Their example

and sacrifice should be the obvious goals of great and small nations. We need to fix many of the problems we face as a global community, all too numerous to list. This mission was of a scientific nature, geared toward research and these positive goals.

Let us celebrate their lives and the many contributions of former astronauts. It is up to us to emulate such courageous souls. They are what America is really all about, raising the rung once again while reaching for the stars. They shuttled into space on the Columbia and their spirits are still there. We can see them every time a small child marvels at a shooting star.

Theodore P. Gomez
Frederic

Letters to the Editor

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Travelogue to visit mysterious India

The travelogue, "India - Beyond Imagining" will be presented by host Harlan Johnson on Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre on Michigan Avenue. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door and are \$7 for adults, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call 348-7146. The Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events' Travel and Adventure Series is made possible by a partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc. of Grayling.

Student Senate plans pop can drive

The Grayling High School Student Senate will hold a pop can drive to benefit the Grayling Nursing Centre on Sunday, February 16. Donate your return deposit cans at the collection site to be located at Glen's Market in Grayling from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The community is encouraged to support this service project.

Local Gun Board cancels meeting

The Crawford County Gun Board meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 19 has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 19. For more information, contact the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office.

No downhill at Ladies Night Out

The Grayling American Business Women's Association's (ABWA) "Ladies Night Out" scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Hanson Hills Recreation Area will not include downhill skiing as originally stated. The ski hill will be closed that evening. Cross country skiing is still planned. Call Hanson Hills at 348-9266 by February 13 to reserve ski boot rental, if necessary.

Writers' group forming in Grayling

The Headwaters Writers' Group is now forming. Founder Cathy Lester said she is looking for local writers to discuss writing poems, short stories, novels, plays, monologues, and routines. Meetings will be held once or twice each month on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. Those interested in joining or with questions may call Lester at (989) 348-8801.

Choir group presents 'Charlie Brown'

The Michelson Singers will present the Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, February 13-15 at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are available at the church office for \$5 each. All proceeds from the performances will help pay expenses when the Singers travel in June to Vermont for a performance at the von Trapp Mansion, Stowe Church and Burlington's city square. For more information, call 348-2974 or Director Howard Taylor at 348-5187.

Friends of Sheriff's Office forming

An organizational meeting of Friends of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will be held Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall. Any persons interested in forming and becoming members of this organization, whose goal will be to raise money to purchase needed equipment (such as a new patrol car) for the Sheriff's Office. Those interested, but unable to attend may call 348-8618 for more information.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m. in the back doctor's dining room cafeteria at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 821-5721.

GHS registration meeting planned

An informational meeting for parents of 8th grade students regarding registration for high school courses will be held Thursday, February 20 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School cafeteria. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their students' counselors, as well as the principal and vice principal. Topics to be covered will include curriculum, graduation requirements, co-curricular opportunities, and more.

Irish/Celtic group to perform at KCPA

"Gaelic Storm," an Irish/Celtic music and dance group, is returning to stage at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) on Saturday, February 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and \$16. For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or visit: www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

Secretary of State closed for holiday

All branches of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents Day and will reopen Tuesday, February 18 for regular business hours.

RAFFLE WINNERS

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Project Graduation begins pizza sale

Grayling High School senior students will be selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits to help defray the cost of Project Graduation. All monies raised will go directly into making the lock-in party a success.

For some graduates, Project Graduation will be the only graduation party they will have. Each graduate can go home with prizes won, gifts, and fond memories of this night.

Project Graduation 2002 was held at the Grayling Armory, with 121 graduates attending. Each student received a party bag filled with free coupons, game tickets, small gifts and a T-shirt commemorating the night.

Committee members chose the theme of the Flintstones for the 2002 class, and decorated the armory with a cave, dinosaurs and the "Flintmobile." Each graduate attending received a T-shirt embossed with, "Yabba-Dabba-Doo... Class of 2002." The all-night, chaperoned party was filled with games, music, food, prizes and entertainment. All of this was made possible by contributions and fund-raising efforts throughout the school year.

The Pizza Kit sale will began on

Monday, February 10 and will run through February 24. Kits include all the ingredients to create and bake delicious and nutritious pizza, bread sticks and cookies in your own home -- anytime, day or night. All kits are individually wrapped and can be frozen for future use.

All senior students are asked to participate in this fund-raiser. Delivery of orders will be Friday, February 28.

Anyone who would like to order a pizza kit from some of the committee members, contact: Deb Helsel at 275-5759, Sue Longendyke at 348-4920, or Michele Bugyi at 348-2816.

Anyone interested in becoming an active volunteer for Project Graduation should contact any one of the three ladies listed above, or attend meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School teachers' lounge. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12.

To make a donation by mail, make check payable to Project Graduation, and mail in care of Sue Longendyke, 208 North Park Drive, Grayling, MI 49738.

Public invited to discuss revision to forest plan

The U.S. Forest Service is asking the public to help revise the strategic management plan for the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

Forest Plans describe the desired condition for National Forests over a 10 to 15 year period. To participate in the revision process, attend any one of the public meetings scheduled this month or log on to the Forest Service website: www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf.

The Huron-Manistee held a series of "listening sessions" throughout the state in November to obtain comments regarding potential changes to the Forest Plan. At the February meetings, the Forest Service will share the comments they heard from the public and explain the revision process.

Public comments so far indicate the current Forest Plan is valid and requires only minor or moderate changes. Some management issues proposed for change include the Aspen/Early Successional Habitat, the Management of Fire, the Allowable Sale Quantity of Timber, and designation of Semiprimitive Areas.

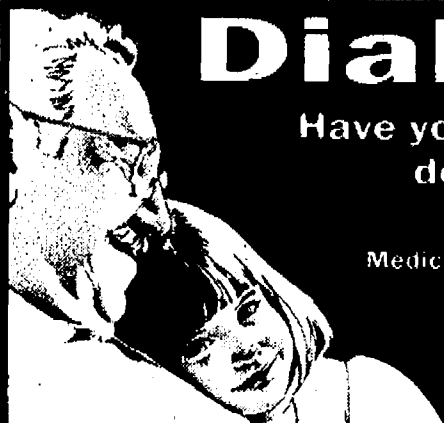
The two national forests in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the Hiawatha and Ottawa, are also in the Forest Plan Revision process; their efforts will also be discussed.

The goal of the Forest Plan Revision process is to formulate a management plan which reflects the needs and desires of the public. Public participation is critical to this process.

The upcoming meetings will be held 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. as follows:

February 18 at the Best Western Conference Center in Cadillac; February 19 at the Pleasant Plains Township Hall in Baldwin, and Chittenden Environmental Center in Wellston; February 20 at the Mio Community Center in Mio, and the Oscoda Library in Oscoda.

For further information, contact the Forest Planning staff at (231) 775-2421 or visit the Forest Service website stated previously.



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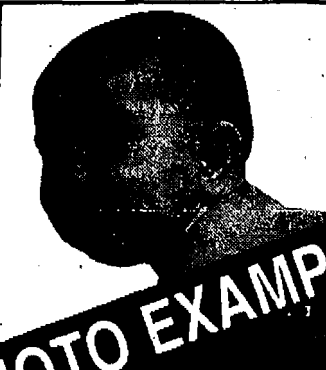


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Reagan's Fairness for God

Again we reference this review of Ronald Reagan's fairness for freedom. to quotes from Reagan's War, The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer. Ronald Reagan believed strongly in the fairness of the American people and even those behind the iron curtain to make fair decisions when confronted with truth. He said, "We have spent 170 years in this country on the basis that democracy is strong enough to stand up and fight against the inroads of any ideology," he said, "I believe that, as Thomas Jefferson put it, if all the American people know all of the facts they will never make a mistake."

Although he hesitated to criticize him, Reagan was uncomfortable with Senator Joseph McCarthy's approach of blanket stereotyping groups of Americans as known Communists. He believed "red-baiting" and "black-listing" of Americans was grossly unfair. Reagan believed our threat from the Communists was from their "tactics" more than their "ideology." He believed the Communists by masking their agenda "had fooled some otherwise loyal Americans into believing that the Communist Party sought to make a better world." Reagan believed Americans needed to take a more positive offensive and expose the evils of Communism by promoting our democratic principles based upon truth and freedom.

Reagan believed the Communists

were taking "advantage of our constitutional freedom to plot the death of that constitution. They are trying to operate on a "can't lose, basis. For example, if we get so frightened that we suspend our traditional democratic freedoms in order to fight them they still have won. They have shown that democracy won't work when the going gets tough." Because McCarthy was fighting Communist ideology, Reagan said he was "using a shotgun when he should have been using a rifle. He went with a scatter gun and he lumped together fellow travelers, innocent dupes, and hard-core Communists." Reagan believed Communist ideology had no appeal to those free, intelligent, and strong, but rather to the ignorant, weak and neurotic. Reagan respected those Americans who later admitted they had been duped and used, then switched sides. He also knew many only stayed in the party out of fear.

Reagan had the same attitude of fairness and respect toward those millions of people forced to live under Communism behind the iron curtain. Reagan remembered the testimony of Whittaker Chambers about his bout with communism; how he overcame the fear of party discipline while watching his daughter sleep at night. He realized only God could have created the delicate features of her little ear. His fear was gone and he switched sides. Reagan became aware of the strong religious sentiment rest-

ing in the hearts of millions of dissidents behind the iron curtain. He supported Solidarity in Poland and did everything in his power to awaken the masses living under communism. As Reagan said of the communists, "But none not one regime has yet been able to risk free elections. Regimes planted by bayonets do not take root." Reagan became a hero to those behind the iron curtain not only because of his faith in God, but also his faith in the people that God created. Faith, freedom, and fairness are still our keys to victory. Pastor "B"

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State unveils cemetery database

The Library of Michigan has unveiled the new Michigan Cemetery Sources database, offering genealogists, historians, and researchers online access to information about cemeteries in Michigan.

The database, located at <http://michiganicemeteries.librar.yofmichigan.org> or www.michigan.gov/hal, identifies the location of over 3,700 Michigan cemeteries and lists sources at the Library of Michigan where the researcher can find the names of those buried in each cemetery.

"The Library of Michigan has an incredible collection of

genealogy materials, one of the largest in the nation, and this database provides another tool for navigating those resources," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. "We are committed to improving access to genealogy materials and will continue to help researchers find information by making it available online."

The database is searchable by cemetery name, county, township, specific location and keyword. The record for each cemetery contains detailed information about its location and whether the Library of Michigan owns a transcription

of the cemetery.

A transcription is a listing of persons buried at a cemetery, taken either from cemetery records or copied directly from the headstones.

Transcription sources may also include sexton's records, obituaries, or other historical information.

The Library of Michigan will continually update the database as cemetery sources are added to its collection, and potential plans to expand it in the future include scanning the pages from transcriptions, with the publisher's permission, and linking each cemetery to an online map.

Gospel concert part of Winterfest 2003

Area churches, in conjunction with Winterfest 2003, are hosting a Southern Gospel Concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 15 in the Roscommon High School Auditorium.

This concert is open to every adult wearing a Winterfest 2003 badge, and children will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult with a badge.

Featured in the concert will

be Bay City's Dennis Gwizdala, a southern gospel singer, songwriter and soprano saxophonist. Along with him, the Sammons Brothers gospel group, out of Woodhaven, will perform.

Rounding out the music ministry that night will be local group, Brothers With a Vision, made up of Jesse Carlson of Roscommon, and two Assembly of God pastors, Brad Withrow of Gladwin and Lawrence Cook

of Roscommon.

Winterfest 2003 badges will be available at the door for the cost of \$5 each. Other items will be available for purchase at the door, such as Winterfest 2003 sweatshirts and hats, as well as CDs and cassettes of gospel music.

For more information about the concert, call the Soul's Harbor Worship Center in Roscommon at 275-5309.

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Early Service.....8:30 am
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Morning Service.....11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

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Sunday Worship.....11 am
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Sunday School.....9:30 am

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Wednesday.....7 pm

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Church Service
Saturday.....9:30 am
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Prayer Meeting
Tuesday.....7 pm

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Sunday School.....10 am
Chapel Service.....11 am
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting.....7-8 pm

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Sacrament.....10 am
Sunday School.....11 am
Primary.....11 am
Priesthood.....12 noon
Relief Society.....12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
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Sunday School.....10 am
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Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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Preaching.....11 am
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

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Sunday School.....9 am
Sunday Service.....10 am

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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Wednesday.....7 pm

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Saturday Worship.....5:00 pm
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

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Board votes 6-1 to close FES

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The following is the complete text of the speech John Pilon read at the Monday night school board meeting. He stressed these were his comments, not those of the school board.

"The Crawford AuSable school district is facing a \$220,000 budgetary shortfall this school year and a \$1.5 million shortfall for next year. The superintendent is recommending the school board mothball the Frederic Elementary School and send the students to Grayling as a means of starting the budget balancing process.

"Many people have contacted me, from around the district regarding this issue, though

most have been from the Frederic area. Some people were very concerned for their children. They wondered if their special needs would be addressed or they were concerned that their children would get lost in the system in Grayling. I assured them that their children's needs would be met as well as they were at Frederic Elementary. I assured them that the children would not get lost in the system. Our district is just not that large or unfriendly where kids get lost. In fact, the size of our district is somewhat the issue here: our district's loss of students is necessitating the consolidation of buildings.

"There were some who contacted me with concerns for their property values, their businesses, their sense of community or sentimentality. While I empathize with their concerns, the school district's first obligation is educating the children of the district. And that means running a district that is on solid financial footing.

"Even in good financial times, it would not be prudent to operate a building that is only being partially used.

"School board members have only two main responsibilities: setting policy on how the district is to operate and keeping the district financially solvent. I, and the other members, take

those responsibilities very seriously.

"I have listened to everyone's concerns. I do care about their concerns. If someone feels hurt over this issue, it's not because I don't care. But, I don't want to have a school district that shirks its fiscal responsibilities. I don't want a school district that digs itself into a financial hole that may take years to get out of. I don't want to saddle this district with financial obligations that can be avoided now.

"My vote on this issue is reasonable, sensible and responsible. I have to vote in accordance with the superintendent's recommendations. It is the right thing to do."

Little Gypsy lives up to her name

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"We were overwhelmed with the amount of calls in response to the flyers reporting sightings of Gypsy. It got to the point that we could actually track her movements, but no one could catch her," Jeri said.

Finally, she was found Thursday afternoon, just before 3 p.m., three miles south of M-72 East on Chase Bridge Road -

- very far away from her Lake Margrethe home.

"Only with the help of people from the Saw Mill bar, the Two Track Inn, two lady postal carriers, the County Road Commission and Caid's Grocery in Lovells, we were able to recover Gypsy," Dick said. "It was a tremendous effort by all who helped including those who called and said

they hoped we would find our dog soon."

From the sightings, Jeri said they figured four-year old Gypsy traveled at least 25 miles over six days. "She had no frostbite or bloody paws. Our vet, Dr. (Wayne) Casler said she was in good shape, even though she had been spayed not too long before her disappearance."

She added, "There is such a

great amount of animal lovers in this community and people are just so nice. We just want people to know how much we appreciate their help and concern."

Jeri reports that Gypsy has been staying pretty close to home since her little adventure and probably won't be going out on another field trip any time soon.

City's ice rink may be relocated

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Wellman suggests the new rink be located at the site of the new Grayling city and fire hall. Construction equipment is already on hand, he said, and the location would remedy the problem of providing water to build up the rink each winter. The construction of a warming building would also be possible.

Because the current rink is located on school property, Wellman said the City of

Grayling doesn't want to invest money into something it doesn't own and the area now being used needs to be leveled. "It takes a month to build up the ice to make up for a three-foot drop in the current pond," Wellman said. "I can think of no better place than the new fire hall site for the rink. Whenever the rink would need a spray of water, it could easily be handled by a pumper truck."

The Crawford AuSable School

District is facing a huge budget crunch, so Wellman said there is no money there to rectify the \$30,000-\$40,000 problem.

Wellman said the SeaBees have offered to build a new rink, free of charge. "The initial construction would cost the city nothing and a warming house could be built," Wellman has approached the Grayling City Council on the matter but has made no decision in the matter to date.



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Deputy says he owes his life to the Sheriff

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the fire panel installation have burst into flames or caught fire.

"I really owe my life to the Sheriff," Alexander said. "He didn't have to have the recall work done, but he cares enough about us to make sure it happened. I am so glad to work for Sheriff Kirk Wakefield. I don't want to work for anyone else and hope I can retire out of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office."

Miraculously, Alexander received only minor injuries, though the patrol car he was driving was a total loss. He believes his bullet-proof vest may have kept him from breaking some ribs and receiving internal injuries when he hit the steering wheel.

Alexander has nothing but praise for everyone who came to his aid, especially Frederic Fire and Rescue personnel who used the Jaws of Life to get him out of his demolished car. "Everyone from Frederic and MMR were so professional and made me very comfortable."

Earlier in the day, Alexander and other Sheriff's personnel worked traffic control on I-75, just south of Grayling, when a semi-tractor trailer truck became disabled in the highway's passing lane.

Alexander said at that time he was concerned for his safety and others as the snow kept falling and traffic passed by. About two hours later, 51-year old Robert Peter of Ron's Towing in Gaylord, arrived to

take the semi off the road. It was Peter's tow truck that later struck Alexander on his way back to Gaylord.

Michigan State Police Trooper Matt Wilt reported Peter saw the flashing lights of the patrol car, but lost control of his wrecker, slamming into the car.

He was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions. Peter was not injured.

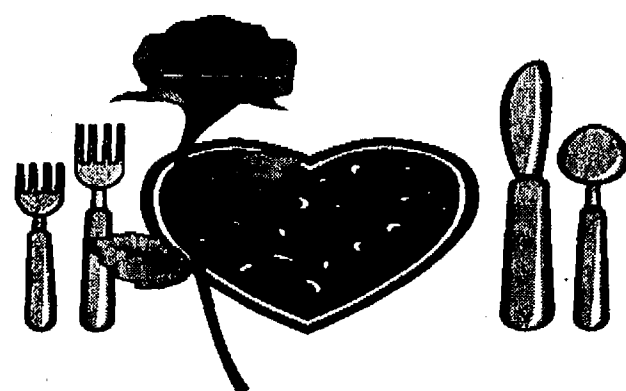
In another twist to the story, the driver Alexander ticketed ended up being an EMT who stabilized the deputy while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Aaron Plant, age 26 out of Perrysburg, Ohio, was traveling north on I-75 on his way to his assigned duty station in St. Ignace. He is an active

member of the U.S. Coast Guard.

His driving violation was forgiven in light of his efforts at the scene and the Sheriff's Office has sent a letter on to Plant's commanding officer commending the young man for his assistance.

Alexander said Plant "is a very nice guy" and helped out in the first moments after the crash and until he was extricated.

Deputy Alexander said he is doing fine now, is anxious to get back to work, and expects to return Monday, February 17. "I feel good knowing someone was watching out for me that day," he said. "And I am ready to get back to serving the people of Crawford County."



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GMS names January Students of the Month



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Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for January are, from left: (front) Geo Gasser, Nathan Parens, Angus Estep, Megan Morris, Heather Peever, Sierra Reynolds; (middle) Andrea Howe, Rachel Sells, Rachel Gibbs, Sheena Russell, Lacey Kirk, J.R. Dean, Bob Ramaswamy, Michael Zill, Dan O'Connor, A.J. Anter; (back) Sarah Lange, Chelsea Hanson, Tiffany Henderson, Jamie Hagerman, Ross Teeple, Keith Revord, Justin Riehle, Kelly Cousineau, Brett Prieskorn. Not pictured: Jessica Fisk, Nick Fitzpatrick, Jessica Hoppe, Cassie Pizzi, Cody Malone.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencings for January, 2003

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Todd Clark Harmer, age 42 of Grayling - Controlled substance obtained by fraud; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$350 attorney fee, \$300 court costs, drivers license suspended for 180 days, and placed on 18 months probation.

Amy Marie Hart, age 30 of Roscommon - Probation violation; 80 days in jail with credit for 28 days served, discharged from probation without improvement.

Robert Allen Varco, age 34 of Frederic - Operating - OUIL/per se Third Offense; 180 days in jail with credit for two days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$500 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, placed on 24 months probation and ordered to receive outpatient substance abuse treatment.

Hon. Richard J. Liedel

Patrick James Fisher, age 25 of Grayling - Break and enter with intent; 330 days in jail with credit

for 66 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, restitution ordered in an amount to be determined, and placed on 24 months probation.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

John R. Ockerman, age 43 of Grayling - Operating - OUIL/per se Third Offense; 270 days in jail with credit for 18 served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$300 court costs, \$500 fine, and \$350 attorney fee; vehicle used

in offense ordered immobilized or forfeited; placed on 24 months probation, and ordered to perform 60 days of community service.

Hon. John G. Hunter

Matthew Rogel, age 37 of Alger - Alter or forge document; 90 days in jail with credit for one day served held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$250 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, and placed on 24 months probation.

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Girl Scouts to honor WUPS-FM's co-owner

For the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay, it is the highest salute to today's successful women and an award that marks 'laudable achievement.'

The co-owner of a Houghton Lake radio station has been named one of 10 recipients of the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay's 2003 Women of Distinction Award, recognizing accomplished women who are outstanding business and community leaders.

Sindy Winkler, of Houghton Lake, partner/owner of WUPS-FM radio, began her northern Michigan media career with WUPS 98.5 FM radio as an account executive in 1990 and quickly became a top salesperson. She was then promoted to sales manager and general manager. In 1999, Winkler became an ownership partner of the station.

Her success is the result of over 20 years of hands-on sales experience that began in California selling products and services. Winkler, the mother of two, was one of the first women to work as a manufacturer's representative selling products to heating and cooling wholesalers. In 1981, she founded, owned and operated Sindtrans, a successful airfreight trucking company.

In addition to WUPS, she owns and manages a number of real estate rental properties and is actively involved in her community and church. Winkler's civic service has included serv-

ing on the boards of Roscommon United Way, Houghton Lake Rotary, New Day Preschool, and Friends Helping Friends.

She is the current president of the Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce and vice president of the Council of Catholic Women for Our Lady of the Lake parish.

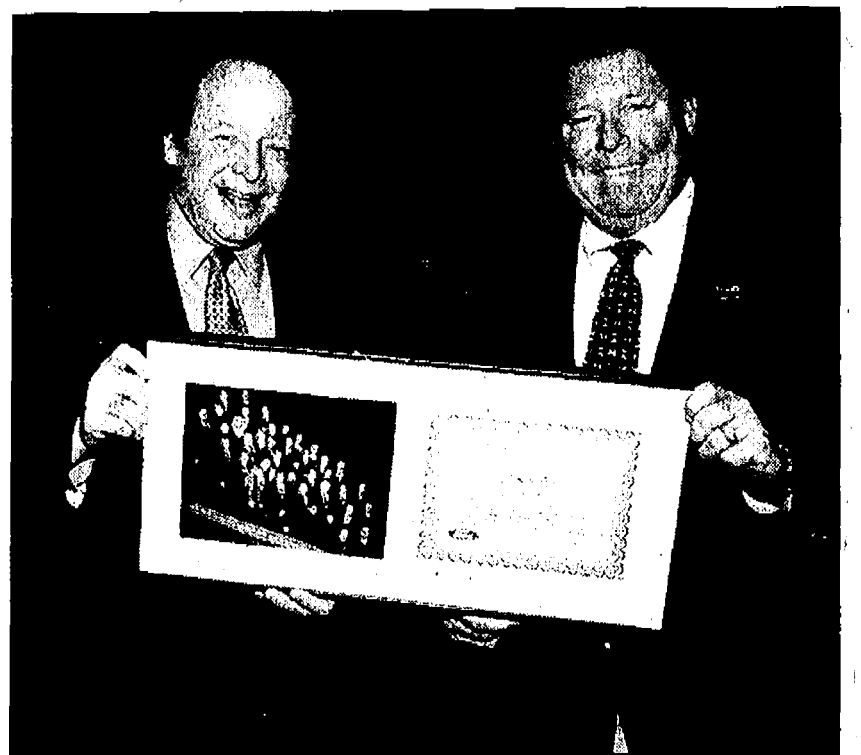
Winkler's other volunteer and fund-raising activities include: United Way campaign chairperson, Habitat for Humanity, Rotary Bike Rodeo, Houghton Lake Rotary Track Meet, Children's Immunization Fair, CMU Public Television Festival 95, Houghton Lake Football and Cheerleading Association, OLLS Home and School Association, and Tip-Up-Town USA Polar Bear Dip chairperson.

Winkler and the other nine awardees were selected from across the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay's 21 counties in central northwest lower Michigan (including Mackinac Island and the Thumb).

The Women of Distinction awards presentation ceremony and dinner tribute for the honorees is Wednesday, February 19 at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw.

The Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay serves about 7,000 girls, age four to 17 years, and 2,000 adult volunteers. For more information, call 1-800-968-1185 or log on to: www.mitten-bay.org.

Dealership manager attends seminars



Mike Duffy, General Manager of Scott McNamara Ford of Grayling (right), recently took part in a seminar for new dealers in Dearborn. Ford Motor Company conducted the four days of meetings and facility tours, focusing on customer satisfaction. Here, Duffy receives a framed certificate and seminar class photo from Edsel B. Ford II, a senior Ford executive.

Kirtland's Cosmetology Department now offers gift certificates

Kirtland's burgeoning Cosmetology Department has begun offering gift certificates for its wide variety of hair, nail and skin-care services in its newly remodeled salon.

"Just in time for Valentine's Day," cosmetology instructor Mary Scott-Rom said.

With 51 students compared to just six a few years ago, cosmetology is one of the college's fastest-growing programs, featuring a new skin-care curriculum that already has six full-

time students. Because of the increase in students, there sometimes aren't enough clients to go around, even though costs are as low as \$4 for a shampoo and styling. Kirtland's salon, re-designed from the floor to ceiling after \$47,000 in renovations, accepts walk-ins as well as appointments.

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Paving company wins national award

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The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced recently that Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. of Prudenville, has won a 2002 Quality in Construction Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement.

The company received the award at a special ceremony on January 15 at the Association's 48th Annual Convention in San Diego, California.

The Quality in Construction Awards recognize Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavements of excellence. "NAPA selects the recipients of its paving awards using a known set of standards that have been shown to give a good result," said David B. Carlson, Chairman of the NAPA Board of Directors. "This award demonstrates the high quality of work the HMA industry is achieving."

Rieth-Riley received the recognition for its work on an 8.5 kilometer section of US-127 in Clare County.

The company milled the four-lane highway in four days, then placed 22,500 tons of HMA in just eight days. It had to work around north/south weekend restrictions on lane closures. From start to finish, the project took just two weeks.

Additionally, NAPA said Rieth-Riley has been named a finalist in the 2002 NAPA Sheldon G. Hayes Award competition for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement.

The company was nominated

for this award for the reconstruction of a 4.47 mile stretch of I-75 near Roscommon, a route heavily traveled by people heading to tourist destinations in northern Michigan. Under the terms of its contract, Rieth-Riley had to keep certain lanes open to traffic three days a week or face penalties for lane closures.

The company did everything it could to move the job as quickly as possible, including running several operations concurrently. Rieth-Riley completed the project ahead of schedule while achieving a ride quality index of 13.3. The company received 91.3 percent of the total possible for Quality Assurance/Density/Ride bonuses.

"I've been doing this work for 28 years, and I've never had a job that clicked like this," said Tim O'Rourke, area manager for Rieth-Riley. "Everything had to go right, and it did. We had four months of winter before this project started to prepare ourselves, and we built the job in our heads a dozen times during that time. When it came to actually making it happen, we were well prepared."

The Sheldon G. Hayes Award winner is determined through a two-year process. Highway pavement projects using more than 50,000 tons of HMA are eligible for consideration. Initially, they must win a Quality in Construction (QIC) Award, which is determined by numerical scores given by pavement engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) on the basis of how well the contractor met the specifications and achieved density on the finished pavement. All the pavements that meet a benchmark figure are given the QIC award.

The year after a project wins a QIC Award, it may be considered for the Sheldon G. Hayes Award. The top-ranked projects from each year are tested for smoothness, experience in the industry. This year, the evaluators praised the contestants for high-quality construction practices resulting in smooth, safe, and durable pavements.

The National Asphalt Pavement Association, which counts more than 1,000 companies as its members, was founded in 1955.

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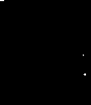



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Kirtland, Lake Superior State enter agreement

► Accelerated degree program now offered to business students

Kirtland Community College and Lake Superior State University have agreed on a unique articulation agreement leading to bachelor's degrees in business administration.

Students can complete their four-year degrees in either marketing or management through an accelerated degree program that allows students to take their first five semesters of credit at Kirtland and the final three semesters in a single calendar year at Lake Superior State. A public university of 3,200 students, Lake Superior State is in Sault Ste. Marie, less than a three-hour drive north of Kirtland's Roscommon campus.

Both college presidents, Dr. Betty Youngblood of Lake Superior State and Dr. Charles Rorie of Kirtland, signed the agreement with other college officials Thursday at Kirtland.

"We think this is a very important agreement for us because it allows us to serve more students by making it easier to transfer," Youngblood said.

"This will be a great advantage to our students," Rorie said,



Photo courtesy of Kirtland Community College

From left, KCC Dean of Instruction and Educational Services Richard Silverman, Dr. Charles Rorie, KCC president; Dr. Betty Youngblood, LSSU president; and LSSU Provost Bruce Harger sign an articulation agreement to offer business students an accelerated degree program.

"because it allows them to take all but the last year here."

Dr. Judith Grenkowitz, Kirtland business instructor who helped negotiate the agreement, already has begun to advise students on the advantages of transferring to Lake Superior State. Kirtland has other such articulation with private colleges, where tuition costs are much higher.

"Students can save a great deal in tuition expenses, which can be a financial drag at some of the

private institutions," she said.

Richard Silverman, Kirtland's dean of instruction and educational services, and Lake Superior State Provost Bruce Harger also believe Kirtland students will enjoy Lake Superior State because it will allow them to remain in Northern Michigan -- and at a smaller institution.

The "five and three" agreement -- five semesters at Kirtland and three at Lake Superior State, is a first for both schools, offi-

cial said.

Kirtland and Lake Superior also have an articulation agreement for criminal justice students.

For more information about the business administration transfer program, phone Lake Superior's John Erkkila at (888)-800-5778, Ext. 2108, or Kirtland's Grenkowitz at (989) 275-5000, Ext. 219. Visit the colleges' websites at: www.kirtland.edu and www.lssu.edu.

Irish/Celtic dance group to perform at KCPA

A February 22 performance of "Gaelic Storm" is scheduled at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, sponsored by Bank One.

According to Gary Carton, Director of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, it is because of local business support that the Kirtland Center is able to bring national entertainment groups to the Center to perform for local audiences.

Nominated as "performers of the year" in 1999 and 2000 by

the National Association of Campus Activities, Gaelic Storm -- an Irish/Celtic group -- has garnered a huge following among college students from Hawaii to New Hampshire. A mini-documentary about Gaelic Storm airs regularly on cable and

satellite paid channel Cinemax, and the band has appeared numerous times on national TV.

Gaelic Storm has thundered onto stages around the world, astounding audiences with their explosive performance.

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Band" in the blockbuster hit movie Titanic, Gaelic Storm has proven they can keep the party rocking long after the credits have rolled. Their dynamic stage show features rousing, upbeat vocals, wild energetic dance tunes, haunting ballads and infectious madcap humor.

Featuring new songs, new attitude and new members, along with original members Steve Twigger, Shep Lonsdale, Stephen Wehmeyer, and Patrick Murphy.

Gaelic Storm will be in concert on February 22 at 8 p.m. at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College. For ticket reservations, call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or check out the KCPA web site at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

Kirtland selected for study

ROSCOMMON -- Kirtland Community College has been selected for a study as a model of exemplary practices in the engagement of service learning, college officials announced recently.

The results of the visit and ensuing study will be published and distributed nationally in a monograph of models of engagement for community colleges, said Nick Holton, who coordinates Kirtland's service-learning program.

Service learning, Holton explained, involves the process of incorporating community service projects into regular classroom work so that not only are students learning, but they're doing something worthwhile for

the community, as well.

"You can learn to hammer things together in a lab," Holton said, "or, as part of a service-learning project, you can help build a house for the Habitat for Humanity, like our students at the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord."

The National Campus Compact, headquartered at Brown University, in Providence, RI, will visit the Roscommon campus soon to interview key people in Kirtland's service learning program, including faculty, academic and administration leaders.

For more information about Kirtland Community College's service learning programs, phone (989) 275-5000, Ext. 412.

New nursing program to be available online

ROSCOMMON -- Kirtland Community College's renowned nursing program has marshaled its forces with two other colleges to offer a new "RN from LPN Online Program" beginning this fall.

The new program, the result of an alliance between Kirtland, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Monroe County Community College, was approved recently by the Michigan State Board of Nursing and is available to LPNs who have completed prerequisite courses, said Kirtland Associate Dean Karen Brown.

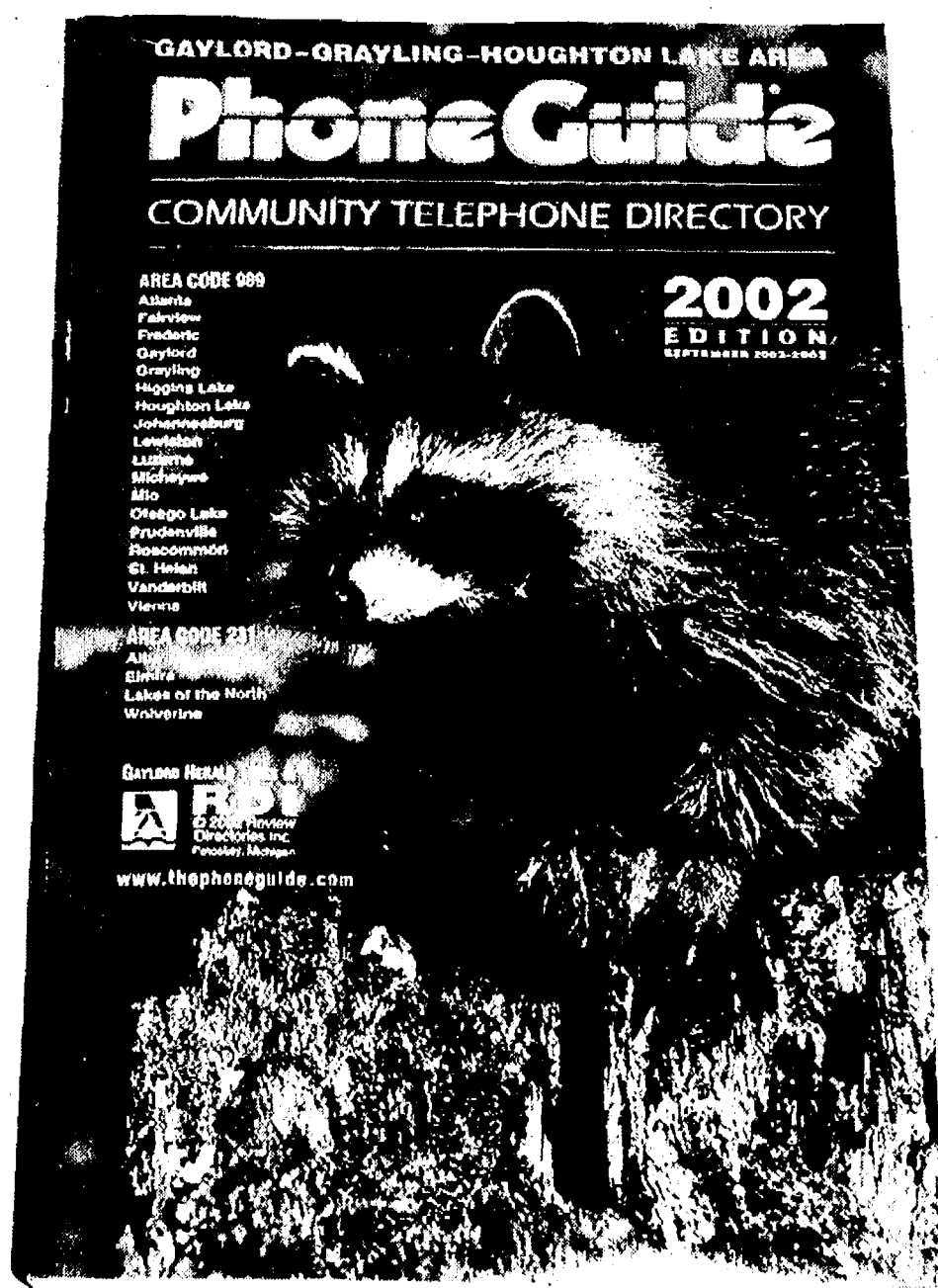
It's a one-year program that is provided largely, though not completely, online. The three colleges received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation through the Michigan Community College Collaborative to develop the program.

"This program will enable many LPNs to return to school to become prepared for registered nurse licensure, many who would be unable to attend a traditional college nursing program," Brown said.

Interested LPNs who would like to learn more should watch their mailbox. All LPNs in Michigan soon will receive information in the mail about the program. It has been approved to accept 45 students each year, but will begin this fall by admitting up to 25 students, Brown said.

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OBITUARIES

Lulu Belle Zacek

Sept. 5, 1936 - Feb. 6, 2003

Lulu Belle Zacek, age 66, of Roscommon, died Thursday, February 6 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. She was born on September 5, 1936 in McBain to William and Susie (Wheeler) Pollington.

The former Lulu Belle Pollington was married to Joseph Zacek on July 28, 1972 in Flint.

Mrs. Zacek, previously from Mt. Morris, lived in Grayling for 20 years and was a homemaker who loved to crochet, sew and watch television. She also liked to travel and play bingo. She was a member of the Grayling Moose Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Susie Pollington; two sisters, Fae Van Haitsma and Dorothy Bowling; two brothers, Ray Pollington and Harold Pollington.

Surviving Mrs. Zacek is her husband, Joseph, two daughters, Ruth (Marco) Dias of Clinton Township, Kathy (Gary) Erway of Flint, four sons, Billy (Lila) Canfield of Sand Lake, Richard Canfield of Hardyville, VA, Jerry (Cathy) Canfield of Richmond VA, Tim (Tina) Canfield of Elmira; 15 grandchildren; two great granddaughters; one sister, Ethylene (Harold) Anderson of Roseville; four brothers, Bernard (Ann) Pollington of Marion, Claude (Ruth) Pollington of Marion, Lyle (Alice) Pollington of McBain and Les Pollington of McBain.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 9 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Chaplain Karen Henderlong officiated. Burial was at Beaver Creek Township Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

John Hudaski

Jan. 10, 1924 - Dec. 24, 2002

John Hudaski, age 78, of Grayling, died December 24, 2002.

Military honors will be conducted Saturday, February 15 at 12 noon, in the chapel at Fairview Cemetery, St. Helen.

Arrangements Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 65 complaints the week of February 3-9:

Fourteen traffic accidents, two accidents - all other, two civil matter disputes - family trouble, one suspicious situation, one lost and found property, 18 general non-criminal, one delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, six false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, three larceny, one motor vehicle theft, one damage to property, one child neglect, five public peace/disorderly, one operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL)/unlawful blood alcohol level (UBAL), three health and safety, one driving violations/driving while license suspended (DWLS), etc., one driving on revoked/suspended/refused license, one fail to file PL & PD insurance.

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For Cindy Calkins from W. Jack and Kathleen Lund *Cake Mix Doctor*.

For Harold Jostock from Friends of The American Legion *Tanks, Military Trucks, Humvees*.

For John D. Voelker from Adam J. Tsloff *Trout Madness*.

For Frances Fick from Don and Rae Ann Schanz, *Making Decorative Boxes*, from George

and Evelyn Kent, *Style On A Budget and Better Homes and Gardens Gifts To Make*, and from County Line Antiques *Club Beautiful Roses, Ragwork, Children's Gardens*.

Many memorials were received for Merle Carlson, donors included Arlene Czuba, Paul Lerg, Carole & Marvin Hallett, Geraldine & Douglas Fleming, Ron & Carolyn Rakoczy, Bob & Mat Mullenix, Charlotte & Dexter Oliver, James & Doris Davis, Robert & Sonya Carlson, Jim & Joyce Kolka, Jim & Nancy Hatfield, Lynn Morris, Kurt & Diane Kolka, Jolene Amo, Wendell & Christina Mitchell, Hobby Club Gals & Friends, Sherri Cole and Grayling Lioness Clubs. Items purchased are *Hawaii, Just Give Me Jesus, Princess Aasta, Night Dancer, Jam and Jelly, Chesapeake Blue, Owen Foote Super Spy, Nory Ryan's Song, Amber Brown Wants Extra*

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For Reverend William A. Fraser from Don and Rae Ann Schanz *A Long Way From Home*, from Friends Jewish *Encyclopedia Of Mortal and Ethical Issues, Build Me An Ark, Journey Of the Pink Dolphins, Future of Life, Shamans of Prehistory*.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

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February:

12 - Stuffed Peppers/Hamburger Stroganoff; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Exercise and Line Dancing 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Crafts at 1:00 p.m.; CPU Class at 3:30 p.m.; Birthday Dinner at 5 p.m. and White Elephant at 5:30 p.m.

13 - BBQ Beef Sandwich/Chicken Potpie; Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Adult Ed Class at 1 p.m. and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

14 - Happy Valentines to Everyone.

Pork Chops/No Dinner; Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite at 12:30; Pantry Bingo

and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

15 - Pool League at 12 noon.

16 - Pancake Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

17 - Spaghetti and Meatballs/Stuffed Cabbage; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; meeting of the whole at Library and Hangman COA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

18 - Hamburger on Bun/Chicken Ala King; Pick up your Te-Fap at the American Legion from 9-12 (use back door), Euchre Club at 1 p.m., Speaker Author Ida Mae Ireland at 5 p.m.

19 - Beef Stew/Liver; Hearing Clinic by Appointment, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Exercise and Line Dancing; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study; Stag Cards at 1 p.m.; Crafts at 1 p.m.; CPU Class at 3:30 p.m. and Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thought for the week:

When I dream of the perfect dream, when I wake, I realize I have to work for the perfect dream.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 37 complaints during the period from February 2-9:

One misdemeanor citation, one traffic control, three larceny, six assist other departments, one alarm, three suspicious situations, two disturbing the peace, 17 unclassified, one drunk driving arrest, and two traffic warnings.



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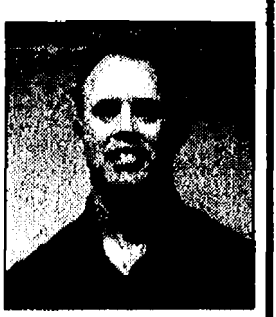
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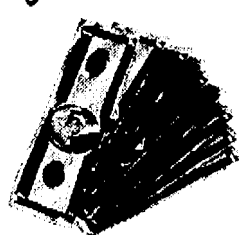


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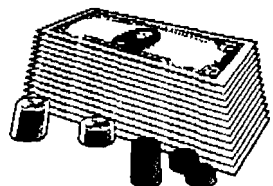
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MSP crime lab under new leadership

The Michigan State Police recently announced the promotion of Connie J. Swander to Laboratory Director at the Grayling Forensic Crime Laboratory, effective February 2.

Prior to her promotion, Swander served as a forensic scientist at the lab for 18 years.

As director of the Grayling Laboratory, Swander will be responsible for the administration of both the Grayling and Marquette laboratories, which serve police agencies in northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Prior to joining the department in 1985, Swander served as a laboratory scientist and medical technologist at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, W.A. Foote Hospital in Jackson, and at Addison Community Hospital in Addison.

Swander holds an associate's degree in medical technology from Elkhart Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Siena Heights College.

Swander has testified as an expert witness approximately 180 times in her career, including during the May 2001 Pehl murder trial. She has taught various forensic science topics at Kirtland Community College, Northwestern Community College, Northern Michigan College and for the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Grayling resident Connie Swander has already begun her work as the Laboratory Director at the Michigan State Police Forensic Crime Lab. She will now oversee the administration of both the Grayling Lab and the lab located in Marquette.

In 1992, Swander was the recipient of the Michigan State Police Floyd R. Bell, Jr. Civilian of the Year Award.

Swander said since her promotion, she has been busy getting to know the personnel at the

Marquette lab and learning the administrative duties of her new position. She will have to travel between labs, but said she is willing to do whatever needs to be done to keep services running smoothly.

Gillard: It's time to get down to business

► Rep. Gillard would like to hear from 106th District constituents

LANSING — Michigan State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) announced January 29 that session for the Michigan House of Representatives is officially under way.

The House meets at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Gillard represents the 106th District, which includes Alpena, Alcona, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties.

"It's time to roll up our sleeves and get down to business," said Gillard, who has been named the Democratic Vice Chair of the House Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Committee.

"It's time to make sure that the legislature looks out for the best

interests of northern Michigan. It's time to fight to keep the jobs we already have and bring new jobs to northern Michigan.

"It's time to ensure that every northern Michigan worker who has lost his or her job through no fault of their own sees an increase in unemployment benefits. It's time to fight to make sure that prescription drugs are affordable for northern Michigan seniors."

Gillard also announced that his new toll-free telephone number is up and running. He can be

contacted at no cost by dialing 1-866-MATT-106 (1-866-628-8106).

"I believe that one of my most important jobs as your state representative is keeping you informed," said Gillard. "I also believe that I cannot do my job to the best of my ability if I do not hear from you. I hope that this toll-free number will help keep the lines of communication open, which will help me in fighting for the best interests of northern Michigan."

Nunn will not seek re-election

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Melvin "Pat" Nunn, former principal of Frederic Elementary, has decided not to run for the Crawford AuSable School Board when his current term expires in June 2003.

He had been an elementary

principal in the district for 19 years when he retired in June 1999.

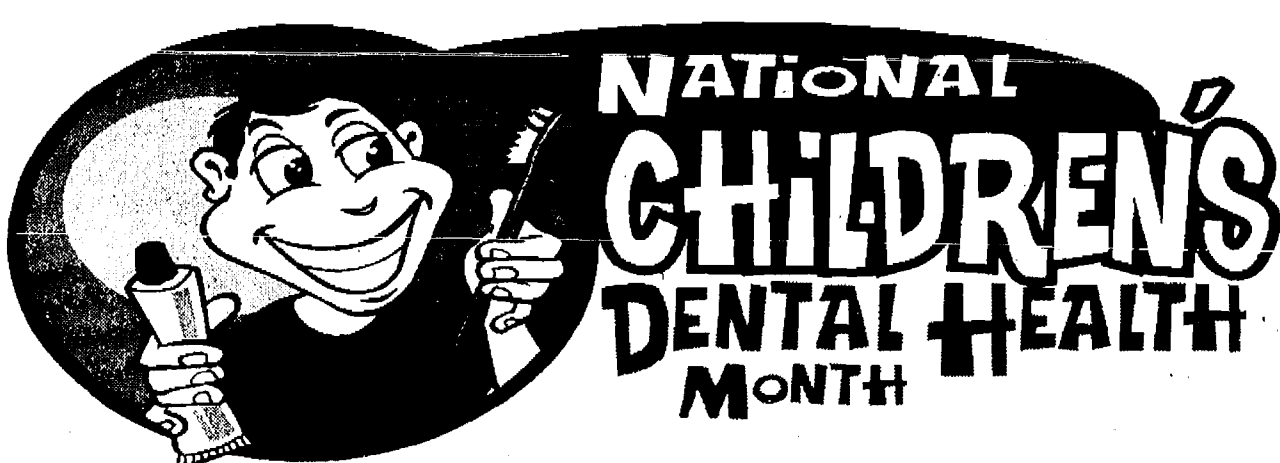
He was immediately elected to district school board where he has been serving for the last four years.

He believes that while he is on the school board he has an

obligation to be an informed board member and attend all meetings in addition to doing whatever committee work is necessary.

Now that his wife, Nancy, has also retired, they plan to travel more extensively than they have been able to in the past.

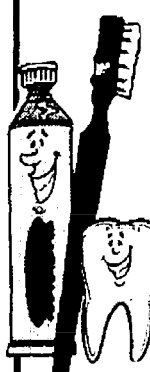
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- Talk to your child's dentist about fluoride.
- When your child's permanent molars come in, the dentist may want to discuss applying sealants if the pits and fissures in them are deep.
- Allow your child to chew only sugarless gum. Have him or her avoid lollipops and other sticky candy.
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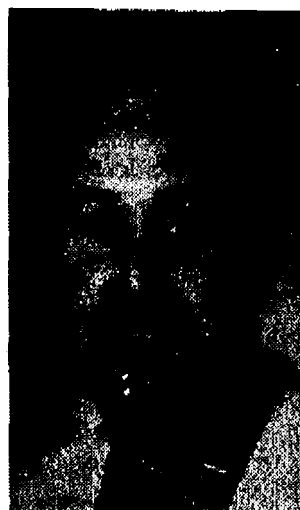


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Darius A. Divina, DO, is joining the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in Orthopedic Surgery. A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Divina completed his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, MI.

Dr. Divina is joining Joseph R. Yacisen, DO, and the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center. The main office for the practice is now under construction in Grayling.

In addition to Grayling office hours, both physicians will be seeing patients at the Mercy Family Care offices in Prudenville and Roscommon. Until the new Grayling office is ready, Grayling appointments will be offered at the Mercy Hospital Grayling Specialty Clinic.

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83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for January 2003

Hon. John G. Hunter

Christopher Ryan Maze, age 27 of Brighton - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs or 36 days in jail.

Terrence Thomas Sheroski Jr., age 19 of Metamora - Larceny less than \$200; \$210 fines/costs or 23 days in jail, \$25 restitution.

Timothy James Odden, age 40 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$1,530 fines/costs, two days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

John Michael Leitelt, age 42 of Stanton - OUIL/per se; \$1,100 fines/costs or 63 days in jail, 30 days in jail with credit for 10 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Daniel Alan Peterson, age 52 of Alpena - Dispose solid waste/non-licensed; \$110 fines/costs.

Kerry Edward Corpolongo, age 42 of Dearborn - Controlled substance possession of marijuana; \$680 fines/costs or 68 days in jail, placed on 181 days probation.

Curtis James Jeziorski, age 31 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Kevin Bruce Hatch, age 24 of Traverse City - OUIL/per se; \$780 fines/costs or 78 days in jail, placed on 181 days probation.

Mohammad R. Zunoubi, age 38 of Fishkill - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$160 fines/costs.

James Carl West, age 20 of Houghton Lake - Disguise with intent to intimidate; \$1,130 fines/costs or 100 days in jail, 60 days in jail with credit for 60 days served.

Marjorie Louise Woodworth, age 45 of Gaylord - Disturbance of the peace; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Michael Sharone Schannon, age 54 of Silverwood - Retail fraud second degree; \$310 fines/costs or 31 days in jail, 43 days in jail with credit for 43 days served.

Michael Matthew Modica, age 26 of Traverse City - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate;

\$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Steven Michael Nieman, age 37 of Freeland - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate and controlled substance - use of marijuana; \$520 fines/costs or 60 days in jail.

Michael Joseph Terrien, age 27 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Charles Ray Siegel III, age 21 of Grayling - Controlled substance - possession of marijuana; \$910 fines/costs or 91 days in jail.

Kelly Vernon Allish, age 39 of Carrollton - Snowmobile - operate while suspended/revoked/denied; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Hon. Richard Liedel

Daniel Paul Marcoux, age 24 of Houghton Lake - Disorderly person/drunken; \$510 fines/costs.

Robert Scott Mock, age 26 of Jackson - Trespass - forbidden/refuse to depart; \$484 fines/costs.

Jerry Lee Elekonich, age 51 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs.

Diana Lyn Newman, age 41 of Grayling - Retail fraud - second degree; \$310 fines/costs or 31 days in jail.

Salvatore Victor Bommarito, age 18 of St. Helen - Disorderly person/drunken; \$134 fines/costs.

Hon. Michael K. Cooper

Mark Louis Franklin, age 28 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$1,450 fines/costs, 90 days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

Magistrate Jean Callewaert

Michael Kent Ruman, age 46 of St. Clair Shores - Possess deer without validated kill tag; \$170 fines/costs and \$1,000 restitution.

Aaron Thomas Fishell, age 20 of Saginaw - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs.

Attorney Magistrate Julie Delaney

Aubrey Steve Holland, age 46 of Pontiac - Snowmobile - operate while suspended/revoked/denied; \$160 fines/costs.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 12 - 18, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: February 12-13, February 17-18.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset.

Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

Petersons celebrate 50 years



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Peterson

Martin and Beverly Peterson of Grayling will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this Friday.

They were married February 14, 1953 at his parents' home in Houghton Lake. He was on leave from service with the U.S. Army at the time.

Martin graduated from Houghton Lake High School in 1950 and Beverly graduated

from Grayling High School in 1953.

The couple raised three daughters: Tonya (Ray), Kim (McClain), and Marty (Richardson); and one son, Dennis Peterson. All are currently living in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson also have 11 grandchildren and the first great grandchild is expected June 22.

MILITARY NEWS

Air Force Airman Zachary J. Harland, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Dennis Harland of Crestview, Florida,

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Bereavement Coordinator of Mercy
Amicare Homecare and Hospice

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Yes - Newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, phone books, TV Guides, Reader's Digest, computer paper, office paper, coupons, junk mail, envelopes (all may be packaged together).

No - Carbon paper

Yes - Cardboard, pizza boxes, paperboard, cereal boxes (all may be packaged together, but must be empty of insert material).

Yes - Clear glass (labels need not be removed, but jars must be rinsed).

No - Window glass, auto glass, drinking glasses, pyrex, light bulbs or colored glass.

Yes - Plastic #1 (clear) & #2 (colored) jugs including beverage, detergent, bleach, etc. (Please rinse and discard caps).

No - Hazardous material jugs including oil, gas, poisons, etc.

Yes - Milk jugs (Please rinse and discard caps).

Yes - Tin cans (Please rinse, but labels need not be removed).

No - Aerosol and hazardous material cans.

Yes - Styrofoam including packing material, meat trays, etc.

Yes - Aluminum foil and foil pans (Please rinse).

Yes - Aluminum cans

The Grayling Township Recycling Center is open to the public

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Jobless can now file for benefits online

Michigan's jobless workers can now cut through the unemployment line by going online to file claims for unemployment benefits.

Jobless Michigan workers can now apply for unemployment benefits through the Internet by visiting the Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment Compensation (BW&UC) web site at www.michigan.gov/bwuc. The web site is accepting new and additional unemployment claims.

"Filing online requires only minutes and can be done from the comfort of one's home or from any computer with access to the Internet," David A. Plawecki, acting BW&UC director said. "Filing online requires only minutes and can be done from the comfort of one's home or from any computer with access to the Internet."

Plawecki estimates that on average, the online application

process will take jobless workers between 30 to 45 minutes to successfully complete.

The bureau will accept online applications for unemployment benefits five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and during holidays that fall on weekdays.

To file a new claim for benefits online, unemployed workers must meet the following conditions:

- Have worked for only one employer during the last 18 months;
- Have worked under only one Social Security number during the past 18 months;
- Have not filed a claim for unemployment benefits against another state during the past 12 months; and
- Want their claim to begin with the week in which it is filed.

Those applying for unemployment benefits online are still required to register for employment, if they are not returning to work within 120 days. They register by visiting their local Michigan Works! service center to file their resume with the Michigan Talent Bank.

When using the online process for filing an unemployment claim, Plawecki advised that users have the following information on hand:

- Their Social Security numbers;
- A PIN used to call MARVIN

for an existing or previous claim, or a driver license, or state ID number;

- Their complete address, including zip code;
- A telephone number;
- County of residence;
- For those who are not U.S. citizens or nationals, an alien registration number and the expiration date for the work authorization are needed; and
- For their employer over the last 18 months - name and address; last day of work; and earnings for each calendar quarter during the last 18 months.

The web site uses an interactive application for unemployment benefits. Jobless workers will be prompted to answer a series of questions as the bureau collects the information needed to establish a claim.

The bureau has allowed limited use of Internet filed claims since November to test the process. By January 20, the web site had successfully accepted and processed over 3,000 unemployment claims.

Plawecki noted that the bureau has made its claims taking web site as secure as possible to prevent unauthorized individuals from gaining access to its unemployment claims database.

The Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment Compensation is a bureau within the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, the state's primary licensing and regulatory department.

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HONORS

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Colby G. Davis of Grayling, was named to Adrian College's Dean's List for the 2002 Fall Semester. She is a junior majoring in Psychology. She is the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis.

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Kenyon College

Regina B. Rosi of Grayling, was named to Kenyon College's Merit List for the first semester of the 2002-03 academic year. She is a first-year student. She is the daughter of Marilyn and Tomlin Rosi.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Perry D'Amour, a 1980 Grayling High School graduate, recently was one of 45 graduates to receive his MBA from Webster University in Phoenix, Arizona.

In attendance were his wife Nancy and two children, Ryan and Lauren.

Perry is currently the Purchasing Manager for Bebout Concrete, Inc., with operations in Phoenix and Las Vegas. He is the son of Leon and Jackie D'Amour of Grayling.

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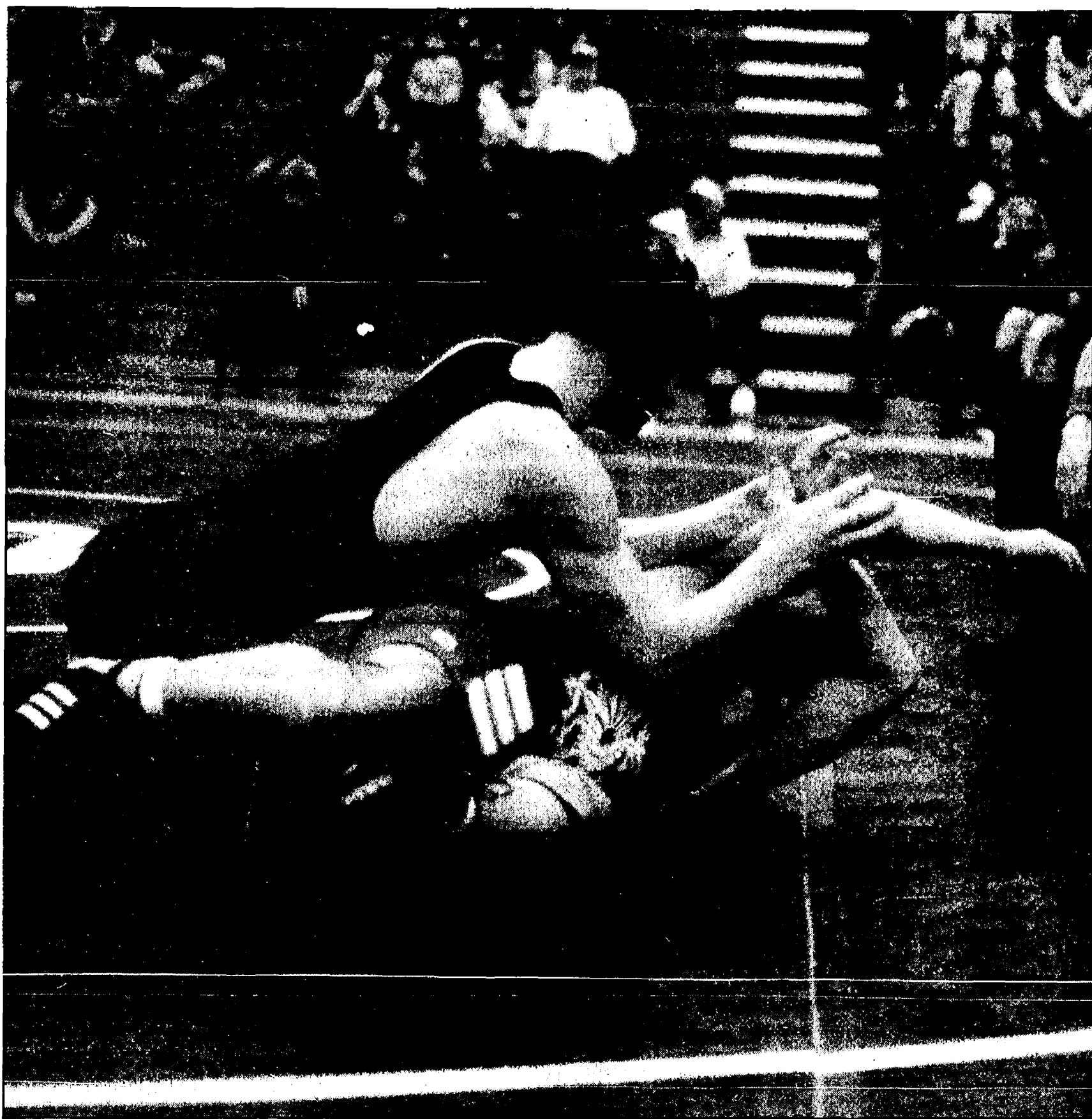


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Crawford County Avalanche

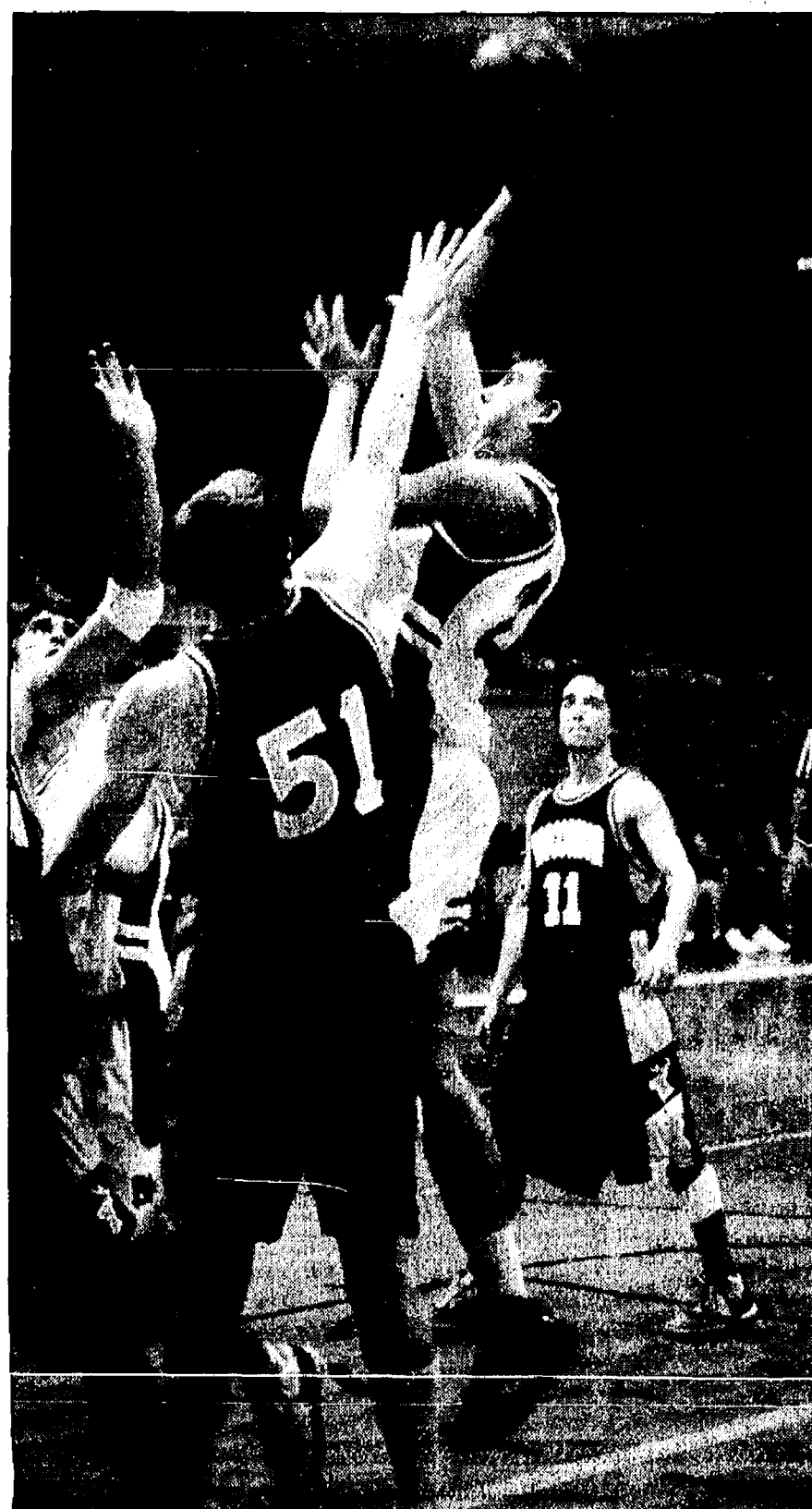
Thursday, February 13, 2003

Wrestlers defeat Blazers



GHS wrestler Adam Malone (top) grapples with a Kalkaska opponent in a meet in Grayling last Thursday. The Vikings defeated Kalkaska 57-15. For more on the wrestling team, see Page 2B.

Vikings fall to Bucks, Bobcats



Roy Czapiek goes up for a shot inside in the Grayling vs. Roscommon varsity boys basketball game last Wednesday. The Bucks won the game. For more on the varsity boys basketball team, see Page 5B.

Ski teams finish 2nd in league

► Grayling ends conference season with Central Alpine Ski Meet

The GHS boys and girls ski teams both finished second in the League Championship Meet last week and finished the season in second place in the Central Alpine Ski Conference. Mt. Pleasant won both league titles.

The boys team scores at the league championship meet were: Mt. Pleasant 35, Grayling 66, Clare 121, Harrison 148, Roscommon

161, and Farwell 195. The girls competition scores were nearly the same, with Mt. Pleasant at 31, Grayling 63, Clare 112, Roscommon 124, Harrison 130, and Farwell 228.

Grayling's boys team picked up six league medals in the meet with Pat McNally leading the way with a 6th place finish in slalom and 7th place in giant slalom (GS). Trevor Clough took 2nd in slalom and 12th in GS.

Jon Handy placed 8th in both races. Jim Jansen was 10th in slalom and 13th in GS. Eric Hunter finished 12th and 14th. Anthony Neal took 17th in slalom and Adam Gilbert was

20th in GS.

Grayling's girls team also picked up six league medals. Heather Vandecar led the team with a 2nd place finish in slalom and a 5th in GS. Mallory Olson placed 5th and 7th. Andria Alvarez placed 6th and 8th.

Jill Seager was 16th and 14th. Kassie McClain placed 21st and 19th. Jessica Thomson finished 29th in GS and disqualified in slalom.

All-league selections were announced after the meet. Grayling's ski team had 10 first team all-conference selections and five second team selections.

First team all-league slalom honors went to Alvarez, Olson, Vandecar, Clough, and Handy. First team giant slalom spots were won by Alvarez, Olson, Clough, Jansen, and McNally.

Second team all-league slalom honorees include Hunter, Jansen, and McNally. Second team giant slalom all-conference spots went to Vandecar and Handy.

All-league honors are based on using 70 percent of the league's races for each skier and comparing points.

The Vikings will ski against 20 other schools at Regionals at Crystal Mountain on Thursday, February 13.



GHS ski team all-league honorees for 2003: (front, L to R) James Jansen, Trevor Clough, Eric Hunter; (back, L to R) Mallory Olson, Patrick McNally, Heather Vandecar, Andria Alvarez, Jon Handy.

Grayling hosts volleyball tourney



Jamie Zelek handles a ball for Grayling in the Subway Invitational varsity girls volleyball tournament at GHS on Saturday. For more on the event, see Page 3B.

CONTAMINATED INJECTION USED TO TREAT PAIN RECALLED Meningitis linked to injections

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For more information on these and other events at Hanson Hills check us out on the web at www.hansonhills.org or call 987-2196



The 2002-03 Grayling High School wrestling team: (front, left to right) Joel Wilson, Jessie Mooneyham, Brian Borchers, Emily Harvey, Doug Webb, Adam Malone; (middle, left to right) James Walker, Greg Warren, Tom Barnett, Dustin Partello, Darryl Babbitt, Jesse CdeBaca, Jeremy Handrich, Chuck Woodman; (back, left to right) Coach Don Ferguson, Coach Matt Tonella, Travis Brush, Mike Gassman, Aaron Rosecrans, Brandon Pratt, Don Starks, Justin Robinson, Joe Ferrigan, Coach Mike Hopkins, Coach Bill Rosecrans.

Wrestlers finish 3rd at NEMC meet

► Six Vikings earn medals at final league meet of the season

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team placed third overall at the North East Michigan Conference Meet at Bay City John Glenn on Saturday.

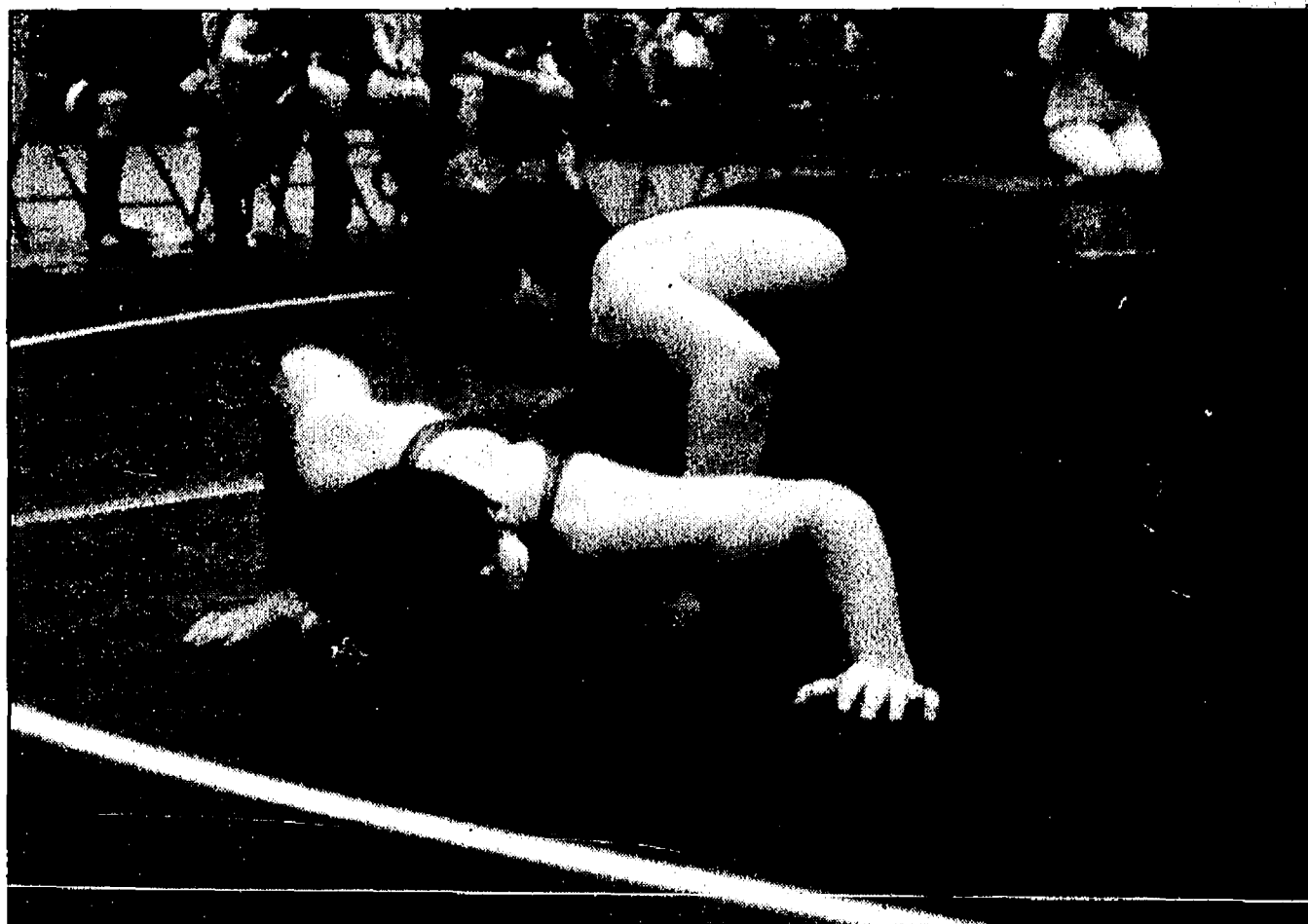
Pinconning took 1st, Ogemaw Heights placed 2nd, Grayling was 3rd, Oscoda 4th, Tawas 5th, Bay City John Glenn 6th, and Standish Sterling Central 7th.

Grayling had a total of six medalists in the NEMC Meet — the last meet of the league season.

Brandon Pratt (171) placed 1st at the meet, earning a conference championship in his weight division. He has a 34-6 record so far this season.

Darryl Babbitt (160, 26-10) and Aaron Rosecrans (215, 21-17) both placed 2nd at the NEMC Meet. Chuck Woodman (125, 13-8), Adam Malone (130, 28-14), and Dusty Partello (152, 27-6) all finished 3rd in their weight class.

"This week we're going to start getting focused on the



Darryl Babbitt wrestles a Kalkaska opponent on Thursday at GHS.

upcoming state tournaments, so we can rise to the challenge," Coach Don Ferguson said.

On Thursday, the Vikings defeated a short-handed Kalkaska Blazers squad 57-15 in a meet at GHS.

The Vikings won six weight classes by forfeit (and lost two — 112 and 119 — by forfeit). In con-

tested matches, Grayling won four and lost one.

Emily Harvey (103), Joe Bancroft (140), Joel Wilson (145), Don Starks (189), Rosecrans (215), and Travis Brush (275) all won by forfeit for GHS.

Woodman (125) posted a second round pin to win his match.

Malone (130) won by pin in the first round. Partello (152) lost a tough match by decision, 5-2.

Babbitt (160) won by points, 14-8. Pratt (171), in the last contested match of the night, posted a quick first round pin.

The Vikings compete in Team Districts and Individual Districts this week.

Baseball clinic rescheduled for March

The Grayling High School

baseball clinic that was originally scheduled for February 15 has been changed to Saturday, March 15. The change was necessary due to a conflict in scheduling, and it will allow the coaching staff to use high school baseball

players to assist.

The clinic, to be held at Grayling Middle School, will be for players age 9-18. GHS baseball coach Bob Gorski and his staff will instruct participants on the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, and catching.

Players will be broken up into two age groups: 9-12 will go from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 13-18 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants must bring tennis shoes, gloves, and work-out clothes.

Also, players will have the option to sign up for the second portion of the clinic to be held at a later date. At that time, players

will be videotaped on their hitting. The fee for both dates is \$20, which includes a Grayling baseball cap and video.

Sign up for the clinic at Sylvester's or pick up applications at the elementary, middle, or high school offices.

Little League coaches can attend the clinics for a fee of \$20. Coaches will receive a Grayling baseball cap and a coaching notebook on all phases of baseball.

Sign-ups will also be accepted on the day of the clinic. Please contact Gorski at 348-5626 or John Schneider at 348-4366 if you plan to attend and have not signed up yet.

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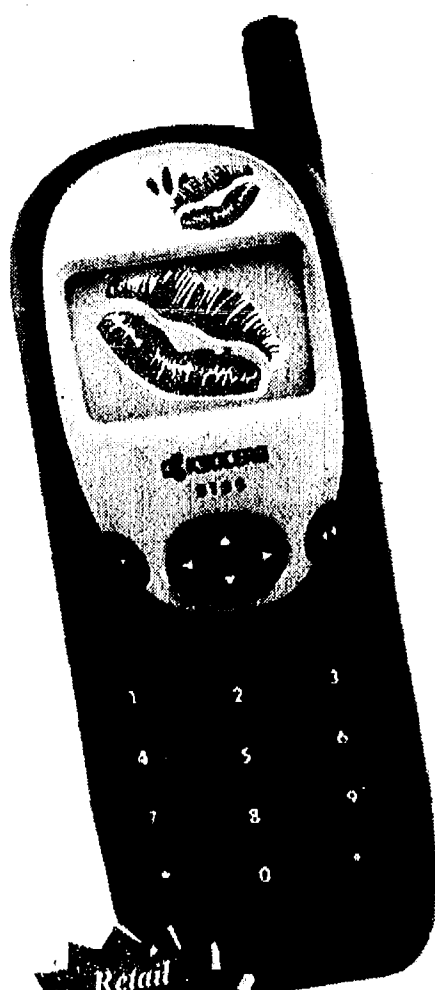
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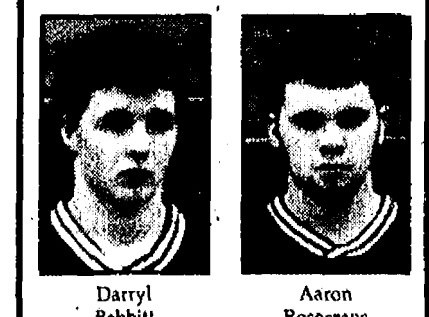
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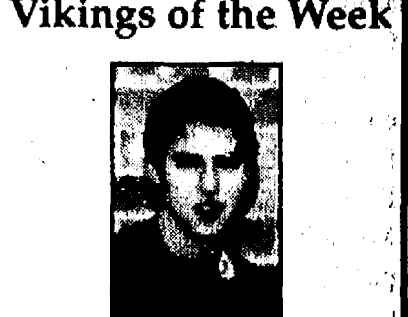
Wendy's Vikings of the Week



Wrestling
Coach: Don Ferguson
DARRYL BABBITT & AARON ROSECRANS

Darryl had a great match with an undefeated wrestler in the conference championship finals and placed 2nd in the league in his weight class. Aaron had a good day at the conference meet and worked his way to a 2nd place finish in the championship finals.

Paul Olson Municipal Underwriters of Michigan Vikings of the Week



Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland
JILL SEAGER & PAT MCNALLY

Jill (not pictured) has consistently finished both races for Grayling, contributing to team placement in 22 out of 26 races this season. Pat had the highest combined finish in the league meet last week with a 6th in slalom and 7th in giant slalom.

GHS hosts volleyball tourney

► Vikings begin and end with wins in 8-team Subway Invitational

The Vikings started with a win and ended with a win at Saturday's Subway Invitational - Grayling High School's annual varsity girls volleyball tournament - but lost the four matches in between to finish the event with a 2-4 overall record.

Grayling opened the tournament with a two-game series against the Beavers of Beaverton.

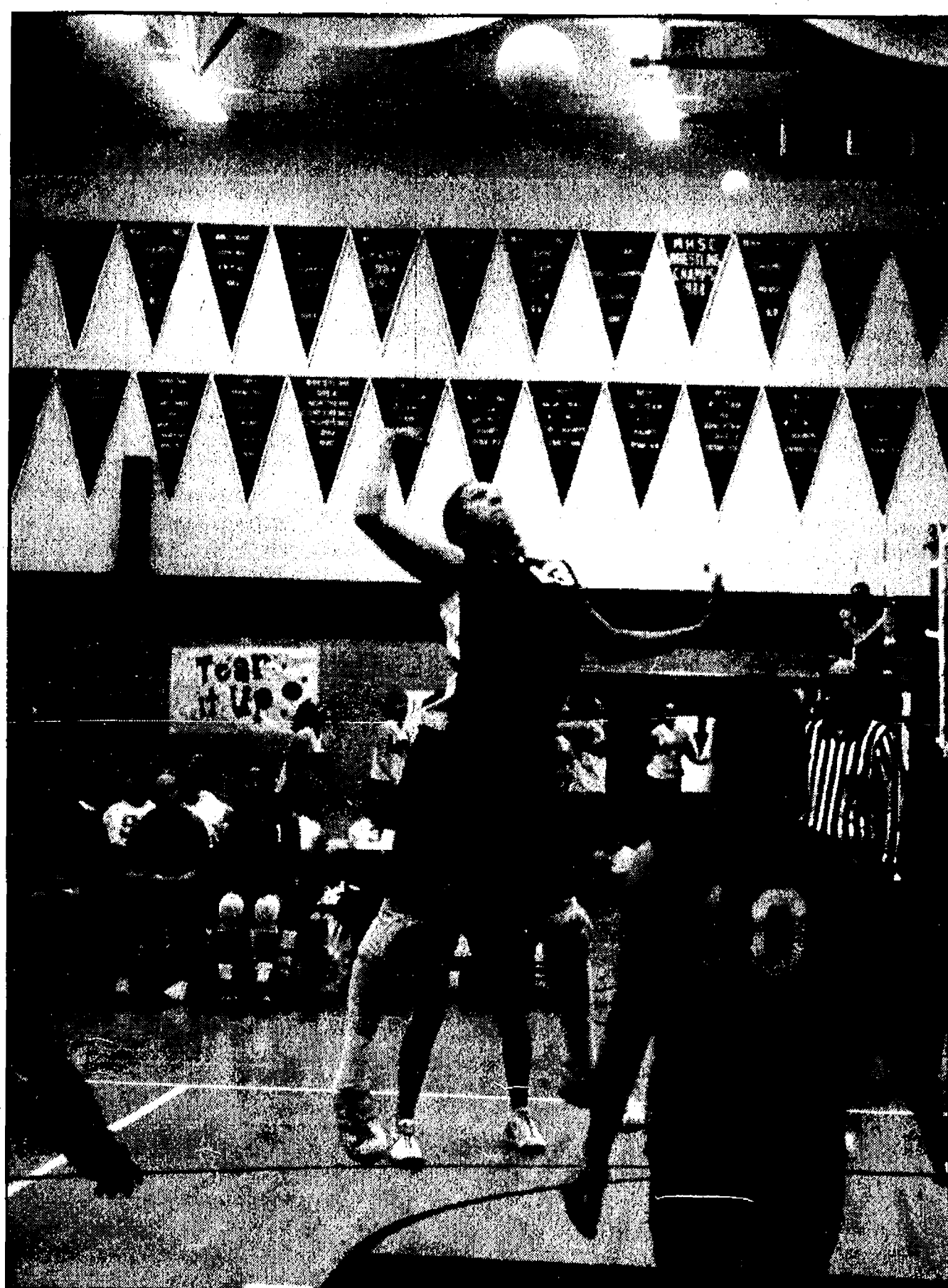
The Vikings played a good match in game one, and won the contest 15-8. Grayling struggled in game two, and Beaverton won 15-1.

Later, the Vikings lost to the Lady Stags of Kingsley 15-0, 15-7.

Grayling finished the day with a split against the Houghton Lake Bobcats. Houghton Lake won the first game 15-11 and Grayling took game two 15-3.

"We have streaks when we play to our potential, like the first game against Beaverton and the last game against Houghton Lake," said Coach Angie Golnick. "We have improved our serving percentage and transition. We're still working on confidence and trust."

Statistics for Grayling at the Subway Invitational included: Angeanette Lovely - 7 points, 9 digs; Carmen Hulbert - 7 points, 1 ace, 5 digs, 13 assists; Ashley Hawley - 6 points, 1 ace, 10 blocks, 7 kills; Ashley Bancroft - 6 points, 4 kills, 5 digs; Jamie Zelek - 5 points, 1 ace, 2 kills; Heather Metzger - 15 assists, 10



Ashley Hawley goes up for a spike in the Subway Invitational at GHS on Saturday.

Eight teams - Beaverton, Harbor Springs, Harrison, Houghton Lake, and Kingsley - participated in the 2003 Subway Invitational meet. The Vikings play at Tawas on Wednesday, February 19.

JV volleyball team beats Pinny 2-0

► Vikings win at home by scores of 15-6 and 15-4 vs. Spartans

The GHS junior varsity girls volleyball team posted a 2-0 victory against the Spartans of Pinconning in a best of three series last Wednesday in

Grayling. The Vikings won by scores of 15-6, 15-4.

"The girls played two great matches," Coach Jenny Swander said. "(Pinconning) was the first team they played this year and lost by only two. It shows how much they have improved to be able to beat them by nine and 11. They played well as a team and as a team only missed one serve. It is very exciting seeing the

improvement with each game."

Serving stats for Grayling included: Ashley Rousseau, 2 for 3; Alyssa Farrell, 1 for 1; Jenny Tozer, 5 for 5; Casey Mahaffy, 6 for 6; Jaimi Drudge, 16 for 16;

Jessica Pfaff, 4 for 4. Point totals included: Rousseau, 2; Tozer, 5; Mahaffy, 6; Pfaff, 3; Drudge, 14.

The Vikings will host Bay City John Glenn on Monday, February 17 at 6:15 p.m.

9th grade volleyball team wins three

► Freshman team defeats Oscoda, Pinconning, and Houghton Lake

With three recent wins, two against North East Michigan Conference opponents, the GHS freshman girls volleyball team has posted a respectable 5-2 league record so far.

Last Wednesday, the Vikings defeated the Pinconning Spartans 2-1 in a best of three series. Pinconning won the first game and GHS rallied to win the next two 15-7, 15-12.

"We struggled serving in the first game but turned things around to win the match," said Coach Amy Owen.

Serving stats for GHS included: Samantha Wakeley, 17 for 18 for 11 points; Chelsea Papendick, 12 for 14, 11 points; Michelle McGuire, 7 for 7, 4 points; Amanda Lutz, 7 for 7, 3 points; Chelsea Wolcott, 7 for 10, 6 points.

On January 30, the Vikings won a series vs. Oscoda 2-0 at GHS. Final scores were 15-4, 15-5.

"Teamwork has developed into a winning season for these girls," Coach Owen said. "I hope this commitment follows them to the varsity level."

Serving stats: Wakeley, 15 for 17, 14 points; Wolcott, 5 for 7, 5 points; Lutz, 4 for 4, 4 points.

On January 27, Grayling defeated Houghton Lake 15-3, 15-8 in a meet at GHS.

Grayling Restaurant Vikings of the Week



Ashley Hawley



Heather Metzger

Varsity Volleyball
Coach: Angie Golnick
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Ashley blocked and hustled all day at the Subway Invitational and was named to the all-tournament team. Heather, through all her struggles serving, has stayed positive and improved the rest of her game.



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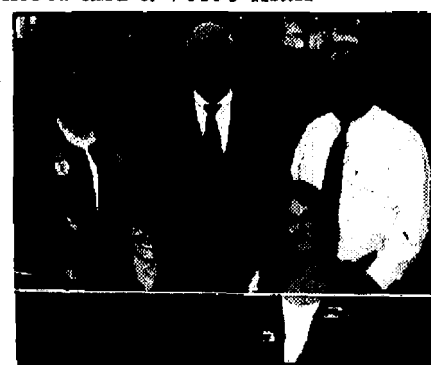
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Canfield, 214.
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

FLINT - Kris Krzymski scored 23 points and DeMarcus Ishmael added 23 to lead Mott to a 101-72 rout Wednesday of Kirtland.

Alvaidas Gedminas topped Kirtland with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Levi Burkett added 11 points for the Firebirds, who lost for the fourth time in five games and fell to 4-6 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 9-12 overall.

Mott improved to 7-2 in the conference and 16-7 overall.

VINCENNES, Ind. - Mike English scored 27 points to pace Kaskaskia College to an 87-75 victory Friday over Kirtland in the opening round of the Vincennes Tournament.

Jeremy Rau led Kirtland with 20 points and 16 rebounds, while Alvaidas Gedminas contributed 16 points with 13 rebounds.

The non-conference loss was the Firebirds' third straight, dropping them to 9-13 overall.

Womens Team

FLINT - Teona Blythe, Monique Edward-Thames and Tracy Johnson each scored 18 points to pace Mott to a 75-42 win Wednesday night over Kirtland.

Becca Miller scored 16 points to lead Kirtland, while Amy Jordan contributed 10 points and eight rebounds. The Lady Firebirds lost for third straight game and fell to 2-8 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 7-15 overall.

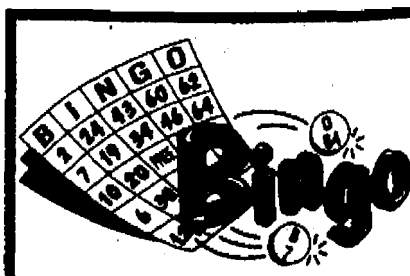
Mott is 8-1 in the conference and 14-7 overall.

ROSCOMMON - Becca Miller scored 21 points and had 10 rebounds to lead four Kirtland teammates in double figures in scoring and rebounding Saturday in an 86-48 victory over winless Marygrove.

Jillian Schultz scored 20 points with 11 rebounds, Amy Jordan had 15 points with 10 rebounds and Raquel Bates had 10 points with 11 rebounds. Also, Brianna Glasscox contributed 14 points with seven steals and five rebounds as all five Lady Firebirds starters scored in double digits.

The victory in the non-conference affair ended a four-game losing streak for Kirtland, which improved to 8-15 overall.

Marygrove, which got 23 points from Yemaya Webb, fell to 0-15.



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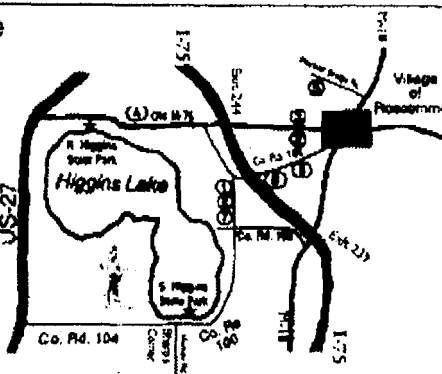
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Vikings fall into tie for 2nd in league

► Varsity squad loses at Bay City John Glenn, falls to 6-3 in NEMC

Grayling High School dropped to second place in the North East Michigan Conference varsity boys basketball standings with a loss at Bay City John Glenn on Friday night. GHS is now tied for second in the league at 6-3 with Bay City. Tawas now leads the conference.

On Friday, the Bobcats of John Glenn defeated Grayling 61-52.

The Vikings led 20-9 after one quarter and 32-27 at the half, but the Bobcats outscored GHS 22-11 in the fourth quarter to take the game.

"We played well in spurts," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Defensively, I thought we were very active early in the game. We had some kids who gave us some

solid minutes. (Joe) Lange, (Greg) Morrill, and (Roger) Alvarez did a nice job in the paint."

"We struggled down the stretch to make plays defensively or offensively," Coach Moffit said.

Against Bay City, Adam Kaiser was Grayling's scoring leader with 12 points. He also had four assists and five steals. Lange scored six and had a team-high nine rebounds. Alvarez scored eight points.

On Wednesday, Grayling lost a non-conference battle to Roscommon in a game that was rescheduled after being postponed due to weather conditions on Tuesday. The match was played at Grayling Middle School.

Roscommon built a lead early and kept Grayling just out of striking distance for most of the game. The Bucks won by a final score of 72-57.

"Roscommon played an outstanding game," Coach Moffit said. "Our perimeter players could not even come close to checking their backcourt. (Warren) Wahl hit for 11 points in the last quarter and epitomized the effort and attitude that Roscommon basketball was all about tonight. If the Bucks can play like this every game, they will finish the season very strong."

"We were not mentally prepared to play," Moffit said. "Defensively, this was by far our worst effort of the season. When we value defense again, we will experience winning again."

Kaiser, Lange, and Roy Czapek were the leading scorers for GHS vs. Roscommon with 19, 11, and 10 points, respectively.

Grayling is now 8-6 overall so

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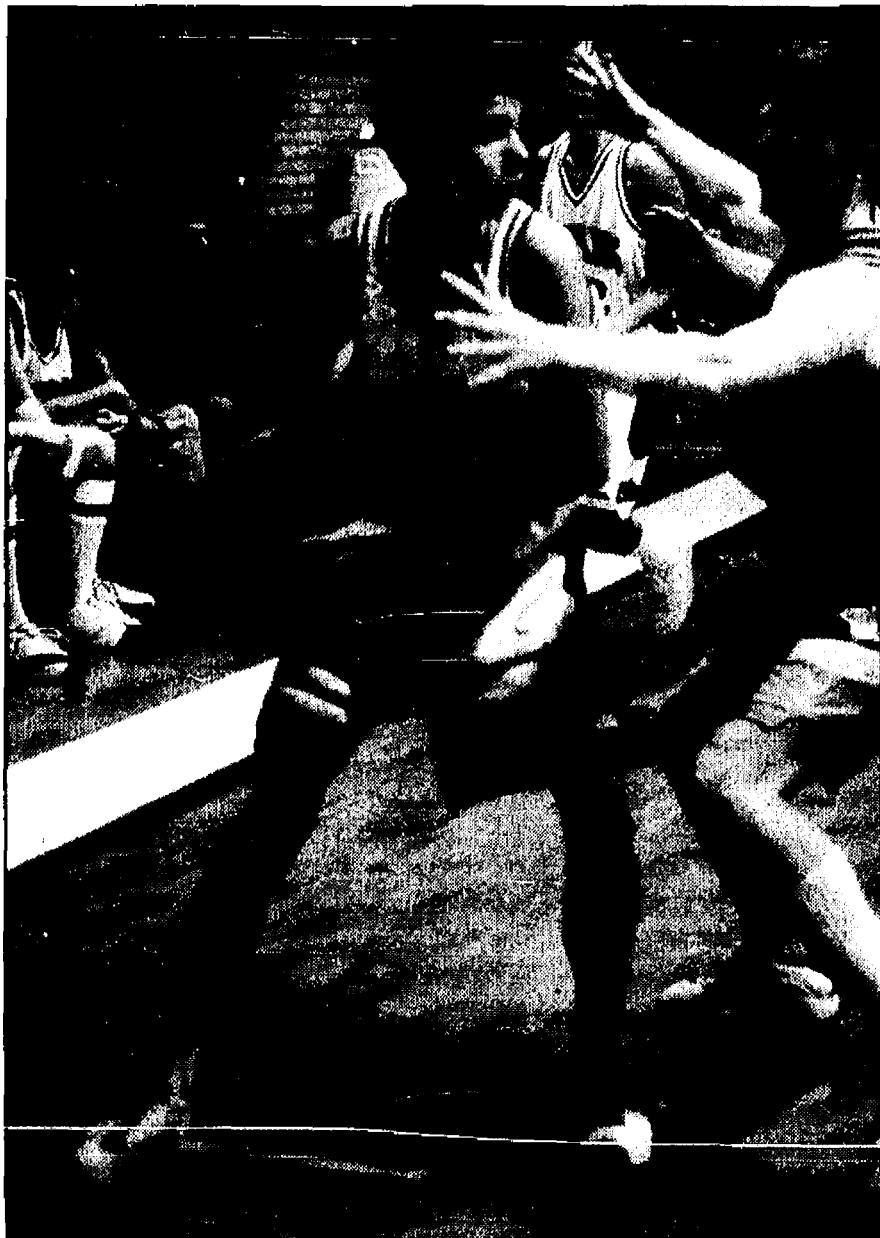
VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

team	league record	overall record
Tawas	7-2	10-3
BC John Glenn	6-3	8-6
GRAYLING	6-3	8-6
Oscoda	4-4	9-5
Standish Sterling	4-5	6-9
Ogemaw Heights	3-5	4-9
Pinconning	1-7	3-12

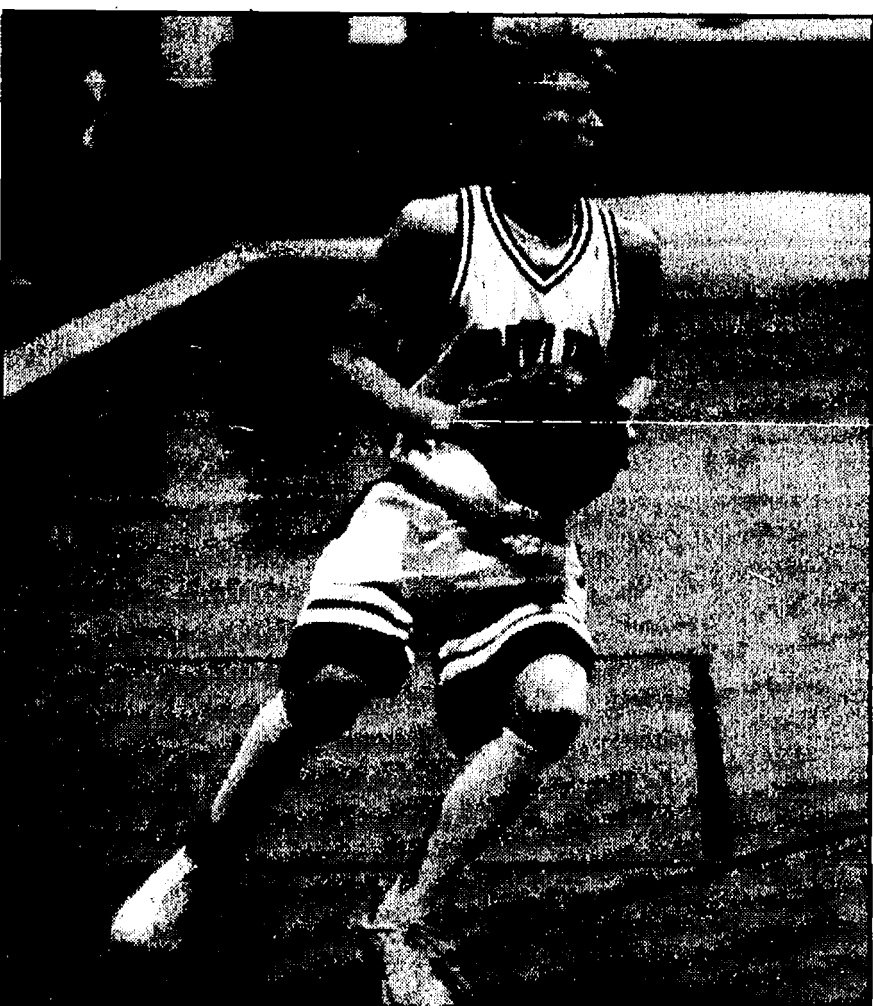
NEMC standings compiled by The Bay City Times

far this season.

The Vikings will host Pinconning on Friday, February 14. The JV game starts the night off with a 6:15 p.m. tip-off.



Ryan Schmidt looks for an open teammate in the game against the Bucks last week at GMS.



Chad Helsel handles the ball for Grayling in Wednesday's match vs. Roscommon.

New football coach to be introduced at GHS

Grayling High School's Athletic Department plans to introduce its new head coach for football at halftime of the varsity boys basketball game at GHS on Friday, February 14.

The new coach is Jason Mensing, formerly the coach at Addison High School.

After the varsity basketball

game on Friday night, a "meet the coach" event will be held in the GHS cafeteria. At the event, Mensing will be available to meet parents of football players and Viking fans.

The varsity basketball game will begin after the JV contest (between 7:30 and 8 p.m., approximately) on Friday.

8th graders finish with close tournament loss

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball (white) team ended its 2002-03 season with a 31-28 loss to Roscommon in the Houghton Lake Tournament last Wednesday.

"The team played good defense. We were not able to run our offense effectively and did not protect the ball. It was a close game from the start," Coach Jim Burch said. "I am

pleased with the team's progress this year. It was a pleasure to coach them."

Against Roscommon, Nick Parkinson was Grayling's scoring leader for GMS. Moses Peters, Terry Fraley, Pat Belcher, Carlos Ledesma, Jon Denton, and Tim Hatley also scored for the Vikings in the match.

The squad finished the season with a 7-4 win/loss record.

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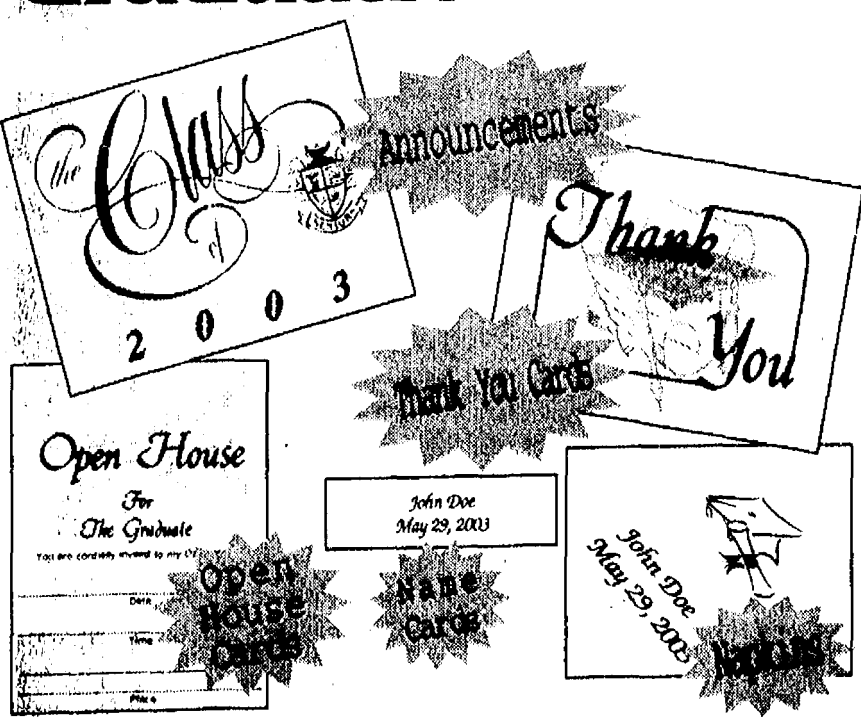
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JV squad beats Rosco, SSC

► On Friday, Vikings lose for the first time this season

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team's unbeaten streak came to an end at 13 games with a 45-39 loss at Bay City John Glenn on Friday.

"We came out strong, played a

good first quarter. Then we could not find the basket," Coach Butch Hayes said. "It was a very physical game."

Ryan Davis was the scoring leader for Grayling with 10 points. Ryan Schmidt, Josh Hinkle, Bobby Starks, Matt Swope, Jess Bobenmoyer, Tyler Cragg, and Josh Millikin also scored for Grayling in the match.

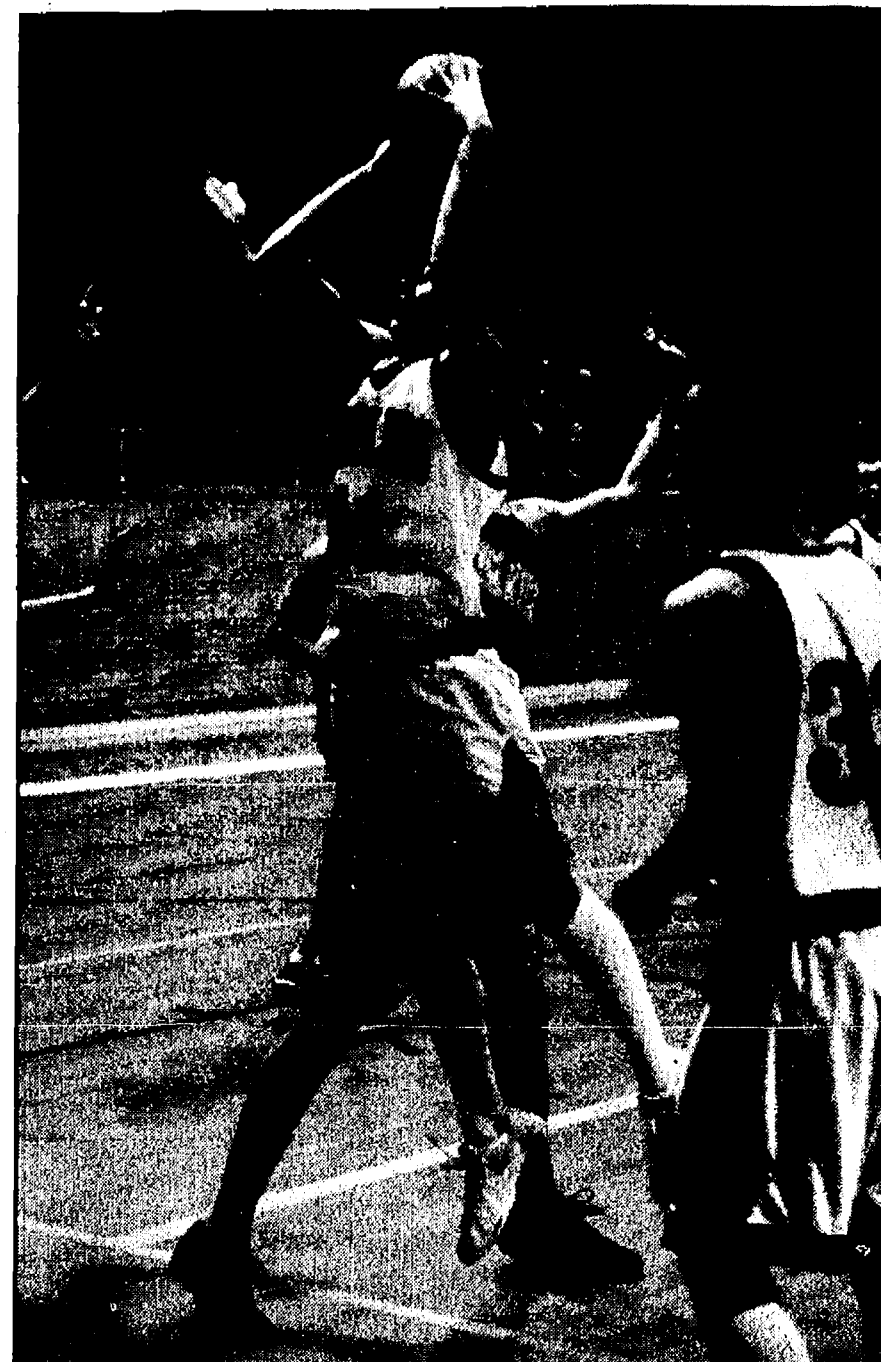
Last Wednesday, the Vikings defeated Roscommon 69-54 at Grayling Middle School. (The game had to be rescheduled from its Tuesday slot due to poor weather conditions that day.)

Davis, returning to the court after being sidelined a couple games due to injury, came up big for Grayling on offense with 28 points. Hinkle scored 18 and Starks had 11. Cragg, Swope, and Millikin also scored for the Vikings.

On January 31, the Vikings beat Standish Sterling Central 56-54 in a tight game.

"We came into a tough road game short-handed. We fell behind, then battled back," Coach Hayes said. "Hinkle hit some big free throws. Tyler Cragg did a great job defensively on their best shooters down the stretch. We had a great team effort."

Hinkle scored 23 in the match. Starks finished with 13. Swope, Cragg, Alex McNamara, Bobenmoyer, and Russ Peters



Josh Millikin works inside the paint in Wednesday night's victory over Roscommon.

also scored for GHS.

The Vikings are now 13-1 so far this season.

On Friday, February 14 the Vikings will host Pinconning at 6:15 p.m.

Freshman team wins 1, loses 1

► 9th graders win at Pinconning and lose at Bay City John Glenn

On Wednesday night, the GHS freshman boys basketball team improved its season record to 9-1 with a 57-53 victory at Pinconning.

"The boys opened a long road stretch with a very poised win against a tough Pinconning squad we had beaten a month ago in double overtime," Coach Joe Mau said. "Reagan Schmidt really stepped up his offensive game in the second half when we

really needed some leadership on the floor. Everyone found a way to contribute positively when the game was on the line in the fourth quarter. This was our best team victory of the season. I'm really proud of our poise, energy, and execution."

Schmidt had 19 points, 7 assists, and 5 steals for GHS. Eli VanNuck scored 14, had 4 steals, and 4 assists. Zach Dean finished with 8 points and 9 rebounds. Zac Baker added 6 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 steals.

On Friday, the Vikings lost to Bay City John Glenn at Bay City 68-58.

"We played solid the first half and went into the locker room

down by two. Defensively, in the second half we had no energy, rebounding, or enthusiasm. When you give up 40 points in the second half, you shouldn't expect to win. Hopefully this setback will help the boys understand the importance of playing solid defense the whole game and to bring a solid defensive attitude to the rest of our road contests," said Coach Mau.

VanNuck and Baker led the scoring effort for GHS with 19 and 11 points, respectively. Both players had five rebounds apiece. Schmidt had 8 points and 5 steals.

Grayling's four remaining matches are all road games.

MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Spike's 8-1
McLean's 5-4
Holiday Inn 3-6
Weyerhaeuser 2-7
Spike's 69: Church, Jr., 19, Jon Thompson 8, Patterson 29,

Myers 10, Jim Gardiner 2, Joe Thompson 1.
McLean's 49: Thané Doremire 9, Burrell 10, Annis 9, Potter 3, Krey 15, Pummell 3.
Game 2:

Holiday Inn: Smith 11, Madill 4, Neilson 17, Weiler 9, Dean 8, Swope 2, Deleo 9.
Weyerhaeuser: Ruddy 4, Grant 9, Dandy 5, Simon 16, Junttila 3, Hull 10.

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on July 27, 2000 with Gerald D. Smith and Susan M. Smith, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, and Diversified Mortgage Finance Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 625, and was assigned to Northpointe Bank on July 27, 2000, and the Assignment was filed on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 635, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of the date of this notice the sum of \$32,627.24 inclusive of accrued interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest rate of 17.95% percent, all allowable costs of sale and applicable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

Legally Described as: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford

County, Described as: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet E and 330 feet N of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W; thence E298 feet to the right of way of the county road; thence northeasterly along said right of way 186.2 feet; thence S 165 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W. Tax ID: 200404001 70522000

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire Six months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 31, 2002
Patrick Timothy Reid, II
REID AND REID
Attorneys for Mortgagee
Business & Trade Center
200 N. Washington Square, Ste. 400
Lansing, Michigan 48933-1384
Telephone: (517) 487-6566

-06-13-20-07-06

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles W. Pizzi, a separated man (a single man) (original mortgagors) to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 18, 1999, and recorded on January 6, 2000 in Liber 499 on Page 45 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mort-

gagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment which was recorded on October 18, 2000, in Liber 520 on Page 600 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 74/100 dollars (\$41,458.74), including interest at 8.100% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 70 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeasterly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 20, of original plat of the Village of Grayling (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003
For information, please call:
Team D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200312104

-13-20-27-06

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we

obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey F. Knirk and Vickie L. Knirk, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2001, and recorded on July 20, 2001 in Liber 0542 on Page 575 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated May 17, 2001, which was recorded on August 8, 2002, in Liber 591 on Page 380, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 60/100 dollars (\$56,902.60), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 523, Indian Glens of the Ausable Unit 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1-14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003
For information, please call:
Team S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200312634

-13-20-27-06

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Francis E. McRae Jr. and Lillian A. McRae, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank, successor-in-interest by merger to Old Kent Bank dated the 21st day of September, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of October, A.D. 1998, in Liber 465 of Crawford Records, on page 247, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$44,749.45 (Forty four thousand, Seven hundred forty nine dollars and forty five cents) including interest there on at 7.99% (seven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of March, A.D., 2003, at 10 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Lot(s) 36, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 2, according to the plat thereof

Commonly known as: 302 Alexia Lane
Tax ID: 040-45-281-00-036-00

The redemption period shall be from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis
Co., L.P.A.
Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis
Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR# 02694431
Property to be posted:
302 Alexia Lane
Grayling, MI 49738

-13-20-27-06-13

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6577-DE
Estate of Glenna M. Smith, deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Glenna M. Smith, who lived at 1203 Corning Court, Grayling, Michigan, died December 21, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karol J. Bryant, c/o David R. Sabin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 14, 2003
David R. Sabin P19822
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5588
Karol J. Bryant
P.O. Box 307
Grayling, MI 49738

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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-656-DE
Estate of Irene Esther Estleman,
Date of birth: 5-01-08

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Irene Esther Estleman, who lived at 7920 W. Five Mile Road, Grayling, Michigan died November 21, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marlene Brown, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 9, 2003
Marlene Brown
6977 S. Military
Grayling, MI 49738

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Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure

William Azkoul P.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by John L. Gay and Catherine E. Gay, husband and wife, whose address is 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Mortgage & Investment Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand

Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated July 29, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002, in Liber 592, Page 318 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Northpointe Bank, whose address is 770 Kenmoor S.E., Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 2, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002 with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 592, Page 334 and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars and Twenty Four Cents (\$44,902.24) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on March 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., the undersigned will sell at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel C-1
Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.0 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence South 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds West, 162.28 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.0 feet; thence North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, 162.28 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 275.0 feet to the point of beginning.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

**Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002**

PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB030011
Requesting to demo existing cabin 30' from river. Build a new cabin back 100' from river. Requesting a 100' variance.

Petitioner: Christopher Conrad
453 S. Kellogg Rd.
Howell, MI. 48843

The above case refers to the following described property:

Property Code: 20-063-019-001-020-02
Property Address: 3561 Truett Trail
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Desc: PARCEL "A-66": PART OF THE N 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 SEC.19, T26N R1W. COM AT E 1/4 COR OF SD SEC & POB OF DESC; RUN TH S 89DEG 35MIN 53SEC W ALG E & W 1/4 LINE OF SEC 1097.89 FT; TH S 51 DEG 09MIN 04SEC W 275.06 FT TO E 1/8 LINE OF SD SEC; TH S 2DEG 49MIN 08SEC E ALG SD 1/8 LINE 482.57 FT; TH N 89DEG 49MIN 30SEC E 703.94 FT TH IRON ROD NEAR THE SWLY BK OF AUSABLE RIVER; TH CONT N 89DEG 49MIN 30SEC E TO CENTER THREAD OF RIVER; TH DOWSTREAM ALG SD CENTER THREAD TO THE E LINE OF SD SEC; TH N 2DEG 44MIN 29SEC W ALG SD SEC LINE TO POB.

Zoning District: RDR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

Subject to and together with the right of ingress and egress over a 66 foot wide easement over said Section 11, centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point of the Easterly right-of-way line of Old U.S. 27 Highway, located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 1130.58 feet and South 07 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East, 162.93 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 832.31 feet to the point of ending, P.P. #030-011-016-030-03

which has a value of 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2003
Drafted By: William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
161 Ottawa Ave., NW
Suite 205-C
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1315
Northpointe Bank
770 Kenmoor SE
Suite 201
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

-06-13-20-27

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Grant, a single man, to Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank), mortgagee, dated September 11, 1997 and recorded September 12, 1997 in Liber 437, Page 582, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four and 44/100 Dollars (\$28,624.44) including interest at the rate of 8.7 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The south 20 feet of the northwest 1/4 and the southwest 1/4 of lot 5, block 4, Martha Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling according to the record plat thereof

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: February 6, 2003
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank,
As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 4, 2003 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 10, 2003 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 13, 2003 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 200.0727

-6-13-20-27-06

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard L. Hoag, married man and Angel R. Hoag, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2002, and recorded on March 15, 2002 in Liber 0573 on Page 292 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 59/100 dollars (\$110,270.59), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 28, Davenport's Pine Acres, as recorded in Liber 3, of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003
For information, please call:
Team X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200311289
Team X

-30-06-13-20

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen L. Schroeder, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 1998, and recorded on September 3, 1998 in Liber 462 on Page 93 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One and 20/100 dollars (\$34,131.20), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises,

es, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 26, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes East, 517 feet, thence North 1 Degree 33 minutes East, 656 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 281.3 feet to the Southeasterly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 28 minutes West along river, 184.85 feet; thence South 24 degrees 03 minutes West along river, 220.3 feet; thence South 8 degrees 50 minutes East along river, 87.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 59 minutes East, 133.2 feet; thence North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 149.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes East, 100.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above description of land is the combination of Parcels A and E of Survey recorded in Liber 134, page 79 and of Parcel A of Survey recorded in Liber 153, page 458, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 23, 2003
For information, please call:
Team J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200018865
Team J

-23-30-06-13

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald L. Trudgeon and Natalie N. Trudgeon, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2001, and recorded on October 30, 2001 in Liber 558 on Page 20 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six and 03/100 dollars (\$74,276.03), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 4-C: Being a part of the NW 1/4 section 33, T27N, R3W and described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33; thence S00°58'00"W along the 1/4 line 727.45 feet to the Southerly right of way line of Jones Lake Road; thence along said right of way line (next 3 courses) S53°45'00"W 201.5 feet; thence S58°10'00"W 689.55 feet; thence S52°03'00"W 676.65 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S36°47'22"E (recorded as S36°49'00"E) 272.07 feet; thence S52°03'00"W 400.71 feet; thence N36°38'44"W (recorded as N36°42'30"W) 272.08 feet; thence

N52°03'00"E, along the Southerly right of way of Jones Lake Road 400.0 feet to the Place of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities, 33 feet each side of the Southwesterly line of Parcel 4 as delineated on a survey recorded in Liber 122, Page 473; Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) after the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003
For information, please call:
Team X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200311491
Team X

-30-06-13-20

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donald L. Welser and Lydia Welser, husband and wife of Grayling, Michigan 49738 and Jayson S. Welser and Michelle Welser, husband and wife of 2601 Hidden Ridge Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First National Bank of Gaylord, 501 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated August 31, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on September 4, 2001, in Liber 0551 Pages 322 through 325 Crawford County Records, and on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$146,546.74.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 5th day of March, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees, allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:
Land situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

The North 50 feet of Lot 1, Block 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, thence West 180 feet, thence South 120 feet, thence East 180 feet, thence North 120 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being formerly lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION and also the South 33 feet of vacated Clare Street lying Northerly and adjacent thereto.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 22, 2003
BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING LLP
Amy J. Durant (P54777)
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord
229 Court Street
P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231) 627-4351

-30-06-13-20-27

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 4, 2003 at 12:00 noon at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2003 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 10, 2003 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 13, 2003 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	40.32	1.2400
Commercial	39.46	1.2671
Industrial	46.77	1.0691
Residential	45.03	1.1103

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 14, 1980

Crawford AuSable School Board met for the purpose of appointing advisory committee members to study the future of the Grayling Middle School.

The objective of the advisory committee will be to provide recommendations on remodeling or reconstruction of the middle school building.

Poor snow conditions have forced activities at the Grayling Winter Carnival to be rescheduled. The cross country ski and pony rides will be held next weekend.

Meanwhile, a winter with little snow has not only had a negative effect on recreational activities but it has hampered a fund drive to pay for the new hill groomer now in operation at Hanson Hills.

Three new buses were added to the Dial-A-Ride fleet, and a new 22 passenger bus has been on hand for a couple of months.

The Middle School bas-

ketball team closed out their regular season against West Branch winning three of four games. Cheering the teams on were this year's middle school cheerleaders, Traci Riley, Shawn Lovely, Angie Parrett, Theresa Barber, Stacey Wolcott, Lisa LaMotte, Wendy Callan, Vicki Mahaney and Dawn Weatherly.

Junior forward Bill Roach scored 18 points including the tying basket to lead the Vikings to one of the most stirring double overtime comeback victories in recent cage history. The win keeps Viking conference title hopes alive.

Snowmobile safety day was held on Tuesday at the Grayling Elementary School. Children were shown a movie about snowmobile safety and went for a ride on a snowmobile.

Winners of the annual Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show Poster Contest are Pat Moore, Trisha Hahn and Amy Barber.

46 Years Ago February 14, 1957

Mary Lou Farkas, 18 year old Detroit college student, was named Miss Michigan Winter Sports Queen at the 32nd annual Winter Carnival. She topped a field of 20 aspirants.

Attendance figure at the Hartwick Pines State Park reached 310,057 during 1956.

Grayling merchants are planning a two day city-wide sales event this weekend. It will be known as February Dollar Days, and will feature bargains in every store.

The Frederic High Eagles rolled easily to their 15th straight victory of the season, when they topped Fife Lake by a 91 to 21 score.

Showing this week is the movie "Dance With Me, Henry" with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.

69 Years Ago February 15, 1934

With forty-five degrees below zero, Grayling's weatherman claims that that was the coldest on record for more than a quarter of a century.

A large crowd enjoyed the activities at the Winter Sports Park last weekend, among whom were several from Roscommon, West Branch, Kalkaska and other more remote parts.

Tuesday the advanced Home Economics class gave a luncheon of lovely appointments with the mothers of the girls as guests. The Valentine motif was enjoyed by all.

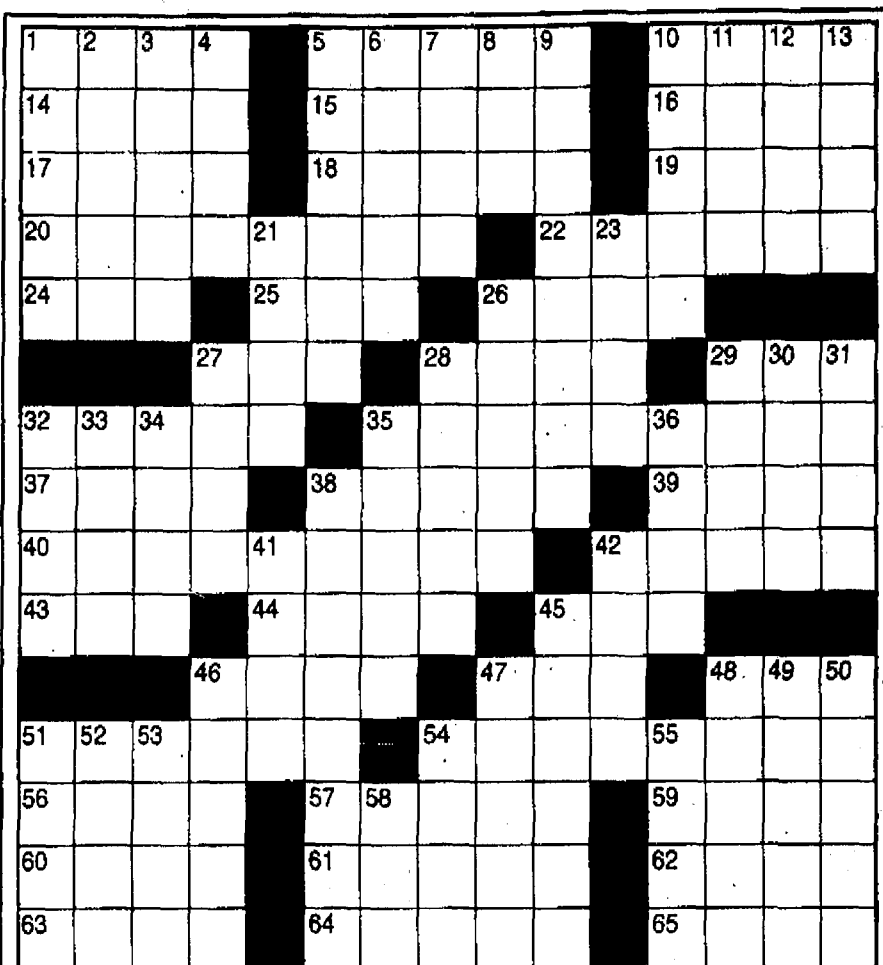
In accordance with the provisions of the state liquor laws, our village council voted unanimously in favor of permitting liquor to be sold in the village by the glass.

County Treasurer calls attention to the payment of the head tax - \$2.00 per person of 21 years and over. There is a heavy penalty for those who neglect to do so.

92 Years Ago February 16, 1911

Two heavy freight trains, both double headers, met head-on at the north end of the Gaylord yard Saturday night in a dense fog, and all four engines were disabled so they had to go to shop. Fortunately no one was injured in all four crews.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Son of Rebekah
5. Make jagged
10. Choreographer Michael
14. Oil-drilling platforms
15. Italian seaport
16. Mrs. Nick Charles
17. Jacket type
18. Window material
19. Solar deity
20. Type of bacon
22. Ambush
24. ___ one's patience
25. At all
26. "Bury my heart at Wounded ___"
27. Toupee, slangily
28. Youthful suffix
29. "Long ___ and Far Away"
32. Twin of 1 Across
35. Deteriorating, as a condition
37. Hollywood biggies
38. Football game segments
39. Bridge expert Sharif
40. Cooking measures
42. Waste maker
43. Fast plane
44. "Big Daddy" Burl
45. Questioning cry
46. Fantastic Four leader Richards

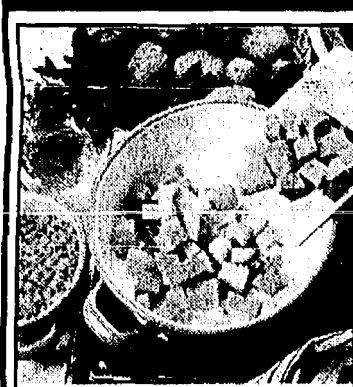
47. ___ voyage!
48. Author Weldon
51. Halt
54. Protect from waste
56. "Song of the ___ Road" (Whitman)
57. Love madly
59. Pipe fittings
60. 80's teen idol Springfield
61. Is indolent
62. Sped
63. Congressional passages
64. Most insignificant
65. Aphid farmers

DOWN

1. Put up a monument
2. Indian stringed instrument
3. Great distress
4. Jimmy Carter's alma mater: abbr.
5. Urging (on)
6. Electronic switching device
7. Judah's son
8. Windows alternative, on a PC
9. Effortlessness
10. Rascal
11. Modicum
12. ___ Scott
13. Julander

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



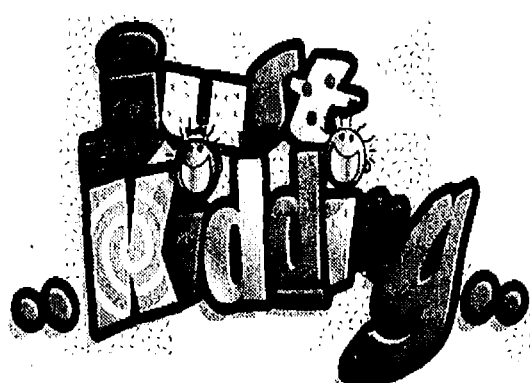
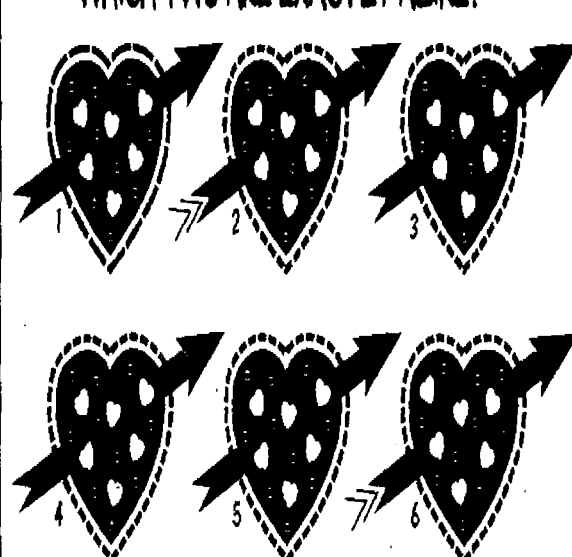
Chocolate Dried Plum Thumbprints

1 cup chopped Sunsweet Dried Plums
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1-1/2 cups brown sugar, packed
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup milk
2 cups quick-cooking oats
In medium saucepan combine dried plums, sugar and 1/2 cup water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in walnuts and

chocolate morsels. Set aside.
Preheat oven to 350°F. In large mixing bowl, beat butter and brown sugar with electric mixer on medium speed, until smooth. With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour, soda and salt, beating until well combined. Stir in milk and oats; mix well. Shape mixture into 1 1/4-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down in center of each with thumb. Bake for 10 minutes; remove from oven. Spoon about 1 teaspoon dried plum mixture into center of each cookie. Bake for 2 to 3 minutes more. Let stand on cookie sheet 1 minute before removing to wire racks. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

FIND THE TWINS

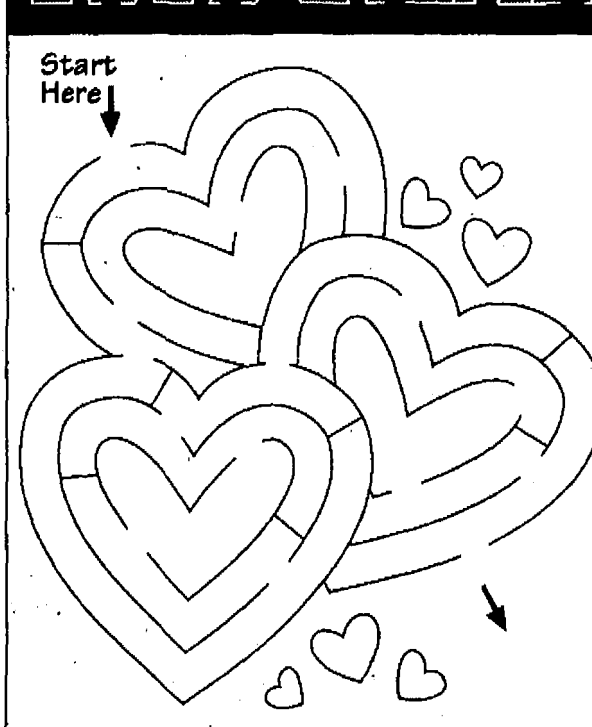
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW

The largest crabs in the world, which stand three feet high and often weigh as much as 30 pounds, live off the coast of Japan.

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These shepherd mix puppies are sooo soft and cuddly. What a great Valentine's Day present for someone who is looking for a new friend! Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly are big hits! We have only one of the Ocean-Opoly game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 13, 2003



December 22 - January 19

Opportunities abound. Take advantage of them to move forward with your goals. A major change is about to take place at home. Prepare yourself.



March 21 - April 19

Your financial future is more secure than you realize. Still it wouldn't hurt to add more to your retirement or savings account.



June 22 - July 22

You'll soon forget all of the little things you've been worried about as a larger problem moves into the forefront. Deal with it in the most efficient way possible and then go out and have some fun.



September 23 - October 22

Make way for something new. It could be a hobby, an activity, a pet or even a friend. Don't let it interfere, however, with plans you made awhile ago.



January 20 - February 18

An idea of yours is under fire. Don't be alarmed. Change isn't easy to accept and even harder to implement. Things will settle down and everyone will benefit from your idea.



April 20 - May 20

A financial windfall is headed your way. Don't be foolish and spend it frivolously. Pay off some debts instead and regain peace of mind.



July 23 - August 22

Someone close to you is ill, but none of their physicians have been able to make a diagnosis. Encourage them to take charge of their health and seek help elsewhere.



October 23 - November 21

Your physical fitness routine has become boring. It's time to try something new. Consider pilates, spinning or any of the other more popular concepts on the market.



November 19 - December 20

You're feeling more talkative than usual. Be careful what you say. You don't want to reveal too much. Someone could use it against you.



January 21 - February 19

Life at home is at a peak. Your family is happy and the chores around the house are all caught up. Enjoy the good times and have some fun.



March 21 - April 19

A bug is going around at the office, but you are feeling fine. Eat right and get plenty of rest and you might not catch it.



May 21 - June 21

It's amazing how far a young family member has come. Compliment them on their drive and determination, and encourage them to keep up the good work.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
2/05	29	10	2
2/06	16	3	.5
2/07	20	-17	1
2/08	15	15	.5
2/09	21	4	2
2/10	16	3	1.5
2/11	15	-23	trace

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 10 Low -3	High 16 Low 3	High 28 Low 0	High 25 Low -2	High 22 Low -1	High 20 Low 5
Few Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Light Snow	Mostly Cloudy

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Display Advertising Rate - \$6.30 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

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www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

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1993 MOBILE HOME 16'x80' Must see, many extras. Three acres wooded. New well, septic, barn. State land 525' away. 3357 N. Down River. \$61,900 cash. (248) 627-7622 (-23-30-6-13/1)

1. Real Estate

LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

1. Real Estate

STOP RENTING for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

1. Real Estate

MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

1. Real Estate

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE by owner. Two bedroom, bath and a half off Manistee River Rd., little over 1/2 an acre. Call (989) 348-5741. (-13-20-27-6/1)

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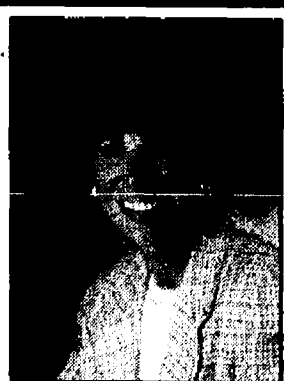
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Quaint two bedroom cottage located right on the banks of the river (a stones throw from the front porch) Features a brick fireplace, knotty pine interior, and a fantastic view. \$168,000 #5070
Ask for Connie!



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Hey Mortgage Lady!
I see all of these ads on TV and in the newspapers from other lenders, offering great interest rates on new mortgages and refinancing existing homes. It's got me thinking. But how do I know who to go with?
Sincerely, Mighty Confused

Dear Mighty,
It's confusing. Shop around, find out rates, fees and the programs available. Consider how comfortable you are with that lender. Lenders that don't work or live in the area may be hard to get a hold of, closings may take place miles from your home, and you may not meet this person handing one of your life's biggest investments. Use caution when giving out your social security number. Obtaining your credit info. often may negatively affect your credit score. Stop by, I'll walk you through the process, at no cost. We will get you **Mighty** informed.

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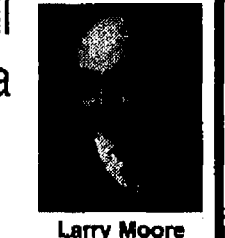
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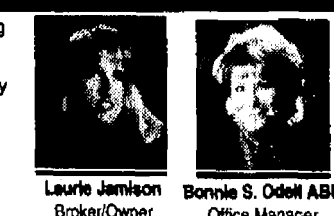
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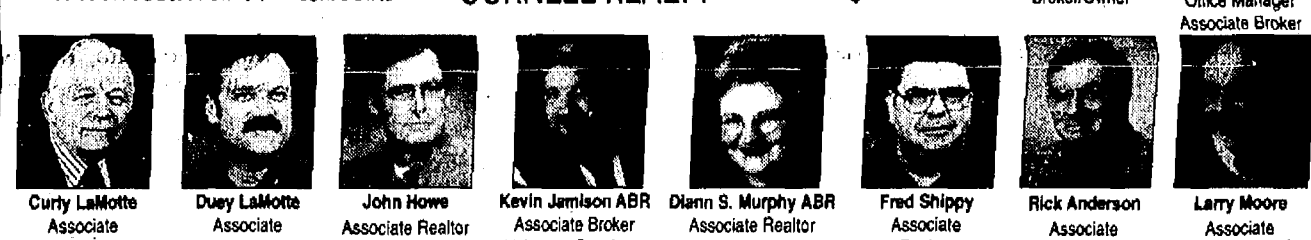
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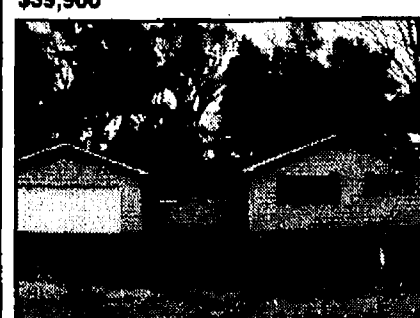


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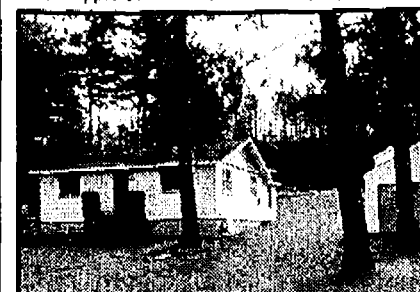
SALES TEAM



19 ACRES "AUSABLE STATE FOREST" ON 3 SIDES IDEAL HUNTING/SNOWMOBILE CAMP!! Located on Snowmobile Trail. Property has access drive w/cable & lock. Older mobile home with path bath, 3 hunting blinds, 10 x 12 storage building, large duck pond on State land on north side, two wells with pitcher pump. CH-1699 \$39,900



CHARMING HOME CLOSE TO TOWN! Great Home in Great Location. Only 1 mile from town! 1,300 s.f., 3 B/R, 1 bath, new carpet in family room & utility room, new ceiling & sliding glass door in living room, remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors in bedrooms, very nicely decorated. 2-car garage, blacktop drive, electric pet fence, exterior painted in 2000 w/shutters. To include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. Listed below Appraised Value. CH-1684 \$83,000



PERFECT HOME OR CABIN! Beautiful mature Red & White Pines. Double lot fronting blacktop county maintained road. Great location for four season recreation. 860 s.f., 2 B/R, 1 bath, hardwood floors, knotty pine interior, 20 x 20 garage. recent updates include: kitchen, carpet, shingles, electric, and paint. Located 1/2 mile from the snowmobile trails. CH-1669 \$52,000



COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME in the City of Grayling. Close to schools, hospital, and shopping. New plumbing, heating, roof and siding. 3 B/R, 2 bath, full finished basement (gress window in basement B/R), recess lighting, sliding door onto rear deck, six panel pine interior doors, and open staircase. 16x24 garage and fenced back yard. CH-1626 \$82,900



REMODELED RANCH ON COUNTRY SETTING with 30x36 barn. Renovations include new vinyl siding, electrical, windows and doors, kitchen cabinets, appliances, and carpeting. Other recent updates include gas forced air furnace, roof, hotwater heater. 341' Blacktop road frontage and 3.1 acres. Plenty of room for mini-farm yet conveniently located. Land contract terms. CH-1477 \$79,900



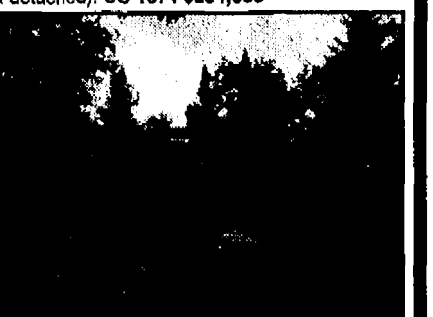
VICTORIAN HOME WITH TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE! 4 bedroom, 2 bath recently remodeled. New oak kitchen cabinets & appliances. Pergo floors. Formal dining area. Large living room with fireplace, full basement. 2 car garage on double city lot. CS-1311 \$166,000



HANDY MAN SPECIAL PRICED TO SELL! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offers large kitchen/dining room combination. Large utility room 12 x 16 could be used as den, family room or 3rd bedroom. In town living offers all the conveniences, close to shopping, restaurants, churches, etc. Would make a good starter home or rental unit. A good investment for the right person with the right ideas. CS-1665 \$32,500



471 FEET AUSABLE RIVER WITH 2.75 ACRES. Tranquil setting with lots of wildlife. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1600 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manicured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$204,000



LARGE FAMILY HOME offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, with 2024 sq. ft. family room, living room, dining room, den, large utility room, fenced yard, double lot, newer vinyl siding, roof and windows. CS-1585 \$82,000



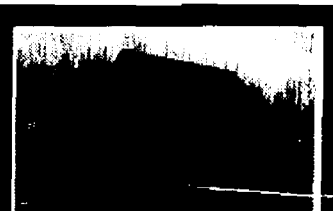
SECLUDED ESTATE ON 1.75 ACRES WITH additional 2 lots available for \$6,050 each. This well crafted home is immaculate and offers an open floor plan with 1170 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Armstrong tongue and groove hardwood floors throughout, oak kitchen cabinets with double duty island serves as work space and snack bar, cathedral ceilings, crestone vinyl windows, ceramic floor in bath, drywall throughout, 2 car attached garage. Comes completely furnished except few items. State land and snowmobile trails 1/4 mile. AuSable River 3.4 mile. Turn key. CS-1672 \$96,800



Great Curb Appeal! Immaculate 3 BR, 2 bath home with 12 x 22 enclosed sun room, large master bath, decks on 2 sides, oversized garage with concrete floor-electric drive thru doors. Park like setting, approximately 5 miles from Roscommon and near state land. \$99,900 #11128



Well Cared For Home! Well cared for 2 bedroom, 2 bath home on 2.5 acres, 24 x 24 foot garage, new water softener, close to Grayling on blacktop road. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. \$79,900 #220909



Cozy Chalet on 2.2 Acres! Very cozy and charming 2BR, 1 bath chalet with lot only 1/4 miles from Lake Manuka in nice neighborhood. Newer kitchen and appliances, including dishwasher. Satellite dish stays. French doors onto front and back decks with gas line hookup on back deck for outdoor gas grill. \$116,000 #220816



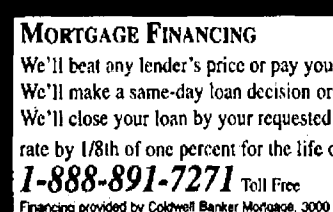
Chalet on Black Forest/Wilderness Valley Golf Course! Beautiful chalet on hill overlooking the 14th hole of Wilderness Valley Golf Course. Enjoy the scenery from the deck while the kids play in the pool! Walk-out finished basement and fireplace, all on 2.5 acres. \$178,500 #221341



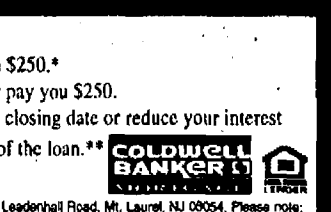
Nice Family Home! This home needs some TLC, but will be a great family home. 3 bedrooms; nice and roomy. Close to town and golf course. \$98,900 #20018



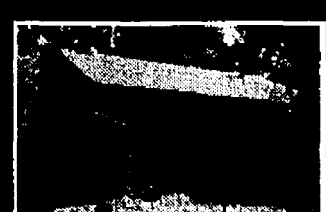
Spectacular View of AuSable River! 175' of frontage with a spectacular view of the AuSable River, within 50' of the large deck, mature trees, 1565 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, gas fireplace, full basement, attached garage and a heated 24 x 40 pole barn with water. Wired for generator back up. Circle drive. Kitchen features hickory cabinets and Pergo flooring. Includes appliances. \$225,000 #14131



Large Remodeled Home! Large 4 BR home recently remodeled with new carpet, drywall, ceramic tile, roof and siding. Fenced yard. This is truly a must see! \$4,000 window allowance included. Sellers are licensed Real Estate Agents. \$79,900 #10426



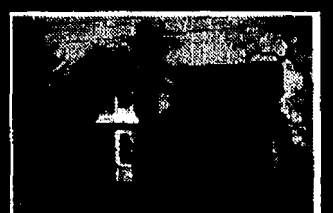
Newly Remodeled Interior! Just 5 miles from Roscommon, this home is just off a major paved road. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath home has completely remodeled interior, new kitchen, all new electric, and 2 new porches. Close to state land and Kirtland College, great for a family. \$64,900 #221010



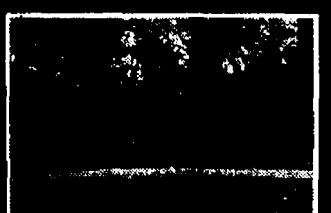
Very Private Log Cabin! A very private 2 bedroom log cabin on 15 acres with room to expand. Includes a large 30 x 36 garage and storage shed. Very clean and ready to move into. \$114,900 #13015



10 Acres in Maple Forest! A nice place for your home or vacation house. Great spot for mini-farm in the snow-belt, yet close to I-75 \$26,900 #224910



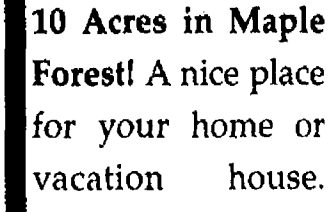
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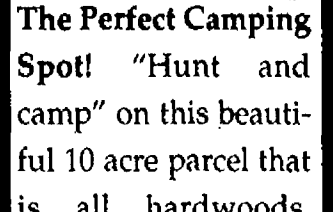
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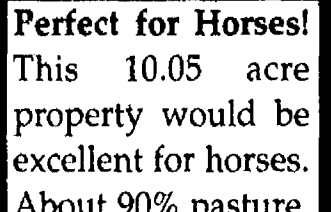
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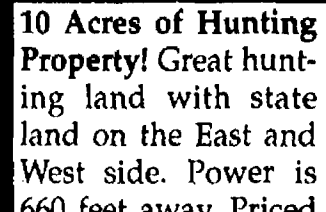
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THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOME at Lake Margrethe. Available March 1, \$600 per month plus deposit and references. One year lease. No smoking and no pets. (989) 348-8627 (2/13/03tf/2)

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2. For Rent

SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM upper in Grayling. Includes all utilities plus trash pick-up, snow plowing. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, digital cable furnished. Lots of storage and closet space. Carpeted throughout. Only quiet, responsible persons need apply. No smoking, no pets. \$565 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Phone (989) 348-8993 (-6-13/2)

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2. For Rent

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3. Employment

NURSING INSTRUCTOR/LECTURER: Kirtland Community College is seeking a part-time OB nursing instructor for the summer, 2003 semester (May 14-July 2). Must have a Masters degree in nursing, a minimum of 2 years work related nursing experience in an OB setting, and a current nursing license. Submit letter of application, resume, unofficial transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Program Coordinator

The Grayling Housing Commission is seeking a program coordinator to oversee and coordinate the Homeownership Program sponsored by the Housing Commission. The program coordinator must have three to five years experience in programs related to section 8 rental vouchers and Family Self Sufficiency. Ability to counsel, encourage and coordinate educational activities to help clients to achieve their goals is a significant aspect of this program. Experience in developing and implementing new programs at a local, or state governmental level is necessary. Please contact Mr. Guy Quigley at 989-368-3097 to obtain an application.

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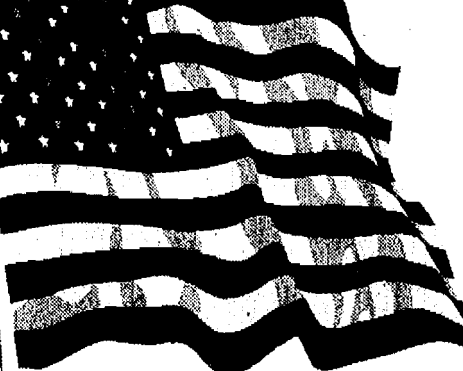


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A "Rare Gem" 206' of frontage on the AuSable River "Holy Waters." This beautiful property offers seclusion and frontage on one of the world's most famous fly fishing trout streams. 516 square foot cabin with two bedrooms and one bath. Also has a two car garage on property. \$164,500 #4841



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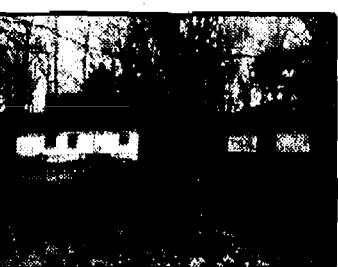
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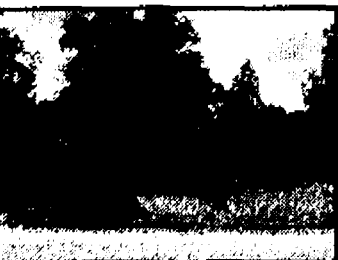
This home features a high bank setting right at the AuSable River Mainstream. It also includes a boat house and a 24 x 48 garage with a second level for storage or could be utilized as guest quarters. \$185,000 #4963



Reasonable priced two bedroom mobile home featuring a covered porch, two car heated garage and storage shed, located ten minutes west of Grayling 1/2 mile from the snowmobile trails. Enjoy the serene Northern Michigan life from this affordable property. Immediate Occupancy. \$38,900 #5035



This is the perfect location for a remote get-a-way or hunting camp. Situated on 10 acres, it includes a 30 x 40 pole barn with double overhead doors and a 10 x 30 mobile home. Nice rolling terrain. Call for more details. \$35,000 #4925



This multi-level home has 1968 square feet with three bedrooms. The home offers oak cabinets, large master bath, family room, soap stone wood stove, main level laundry, tile floors, and a two car garage. The home is situated on 1.7 acres. \$114,900 #5028



Two bedroom manufactured home with a two car garage and RV storage building, located 1.5 miles north of Frederic off Old 27, within 300 feet of the snowmobile trail. Enjoy the serene Northern Michigan life from this affordable property. Immediate Occupancy. \$77,000 #5038

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CLINICAL ASSISTANT

Medical Offices, RN, LPN, CMA We are seeking persons to fill full-time Clinical Assistant positions, in our medical offices in Prudenville and Grayling. The candidate will assist Medical Practitioners providing care to the medical office patients. RN, LPN (must have NAPNES or equivalent) or Certified Medical Assistant. Prefer medical office and phlebotomy experience. We offer competitive wages and the opportunity to become part of a team of caring health care professionals. Interested persons please contact: Mercy Hospital, Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan. Phone (989) 348-0528. Fax (989) 348-0485 (-13/3)

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has summer positions (May 15-mid-August) for historical interpreters in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Must be able to pass drug test and enjoy working with the public. \$7 an hour. Application is available at www.michigan.gov/hal. Deadline is March 1, 2003 or until all positions are filled. For details call 517-241-2381 or e-mail JoAnn Carroll at carroll-ja@michigan.gov (-6-13-20-27/3)

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THE AVALANCHE WILL BE PRINTING A SPECIAL COLOR SECTION CALLED - CRAWFORD COUNTY'S SWEETHEARTS 2003

Featuring photos of **preschool youngsters up to 4 years old**. This is your opportunity to brag to our readers about your little one.

SEND IN YOUR RECENT PHOTO OF YOUR SWEETHEART TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS SPECIAL SECTION. DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 14, 2003. THE COST IS \$10.00 FOR EACH PHOTO SUBMITTED. PLEASE SEND PHOTOS WITH GOOD CONTRAST. SORRY NO GROUP PHOTOS.

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8. Announcements**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Programs for Youth in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Program dollars of approximately \$900,000 are available. Of this amount, \$360,000 must be expended on Out-of-School Youth Programs. The remainder of \$540,000 is to be expended on In-School Youth Programs.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Onaway Michigan Worksl Service Center.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Worksl Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 28, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Northeast Michigan Consortium
Workforce Investment Act
Incumbent Worker Training Program**

Northeast Michigan Consortium is soliciting proposals from qualified educational agencies and training providers for an Incumbent Worker Training Program for private sector employers. Programs funded with these dollars are strongly suggested to be patterned after the Economic Development Job Training (EDJC) grants as funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Incumbent Workers are currently employed workers who need training to advance or avert layoffs. Training may be in basic skills, occupational skills or customized training and may include "soft skills" as part of an overall "package."

Funding is anticipated to be approximately \$43,500 from the Workforce Investment Act through the Michigan Department of Career Development. Proposals will be accepted beginning with receipt of this notice and will continue to be accepted anytime thereafter, until funding is no longer available. A priority will be given to proposals received by February 18, 2003. Acceptable proposals received after that date will be funded on a first come first request basis. Due to the short timeframe, proposals should be concise and no more than five pages in length.

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The release of this notice and initiation of the procurement of training providers does not require Northeast Michigan Consortium to award funding or programs and may terminate this process in whole or in part at any time.

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8. Announcements

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ARE YOU A SKIER or you would like to learn how to ski? Skyline After School Special on Friday's from 3:30 - 9:00 is for you. Lift tickets are \$7. Ski rentals are \$7 and get a free meal. If you've never tried skiing, take advantage of these discounted rates and we will provide a free group lesson if you make arrangements ahead of time. Call (989) 275-5445 Skyline Ski and Country Club. Just north of Higgins Lake off I-75, Exit 251. (-6-13-20/8)



Crawford County United Way

Crawford County United Way will be holding an Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, 8:15 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall. The meeting will include election of the Board of Directors officers, and the 2002 Annual Report. Members are encouraged to attend. Any questions please call April Brunger, Crawford County United Way Director at 344-9300.

NEW AT J. DAP CO. Gift Store!! Yankee Candle aerosol room sprays and fabric refresher sprays!! J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Ave. in Grayling. (-13/8)

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FOLKS INTERESTED in Model Railroading. Second meeting, Tuesday, February 18 from 6-8 p.m. Location: Grayling Free Methodist Church, 6352 M-72 West. Any questions (989) 348-1185 (-13/8)

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9. Personals

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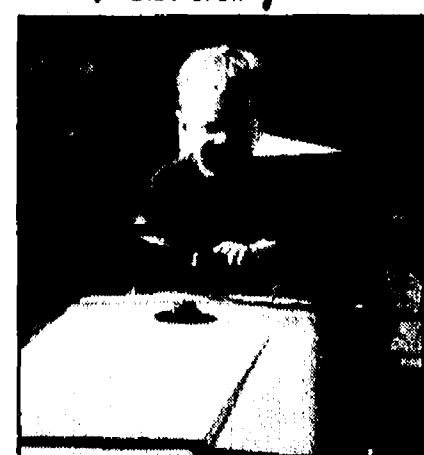
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February 15th
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Mom, Dad
& Jeremey

Happy 16th Birthday

Justin
February 17



Love Mom, Dad and Family
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9. Personals

PRAYER TO THE Blessed Virgin (never known to fail) - most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that You are my Mother. O, Holy Mary, Mother of God. Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in my necessity. (Make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (Three times). Holy Mary, place this prayer in your hands. (Three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then publish it and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. 3x (-13/9)

PRAYER To the Holy Spirit, You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and You who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank You for your love towards me and my loved ones. Person must pray this three consecutive days without asking for a wish. After third day, your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish this dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted. 3x (-13/9)

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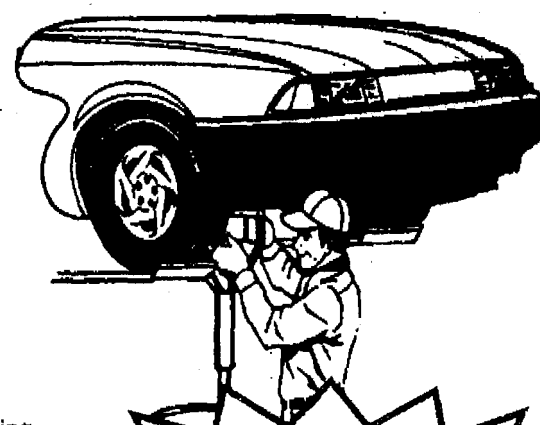
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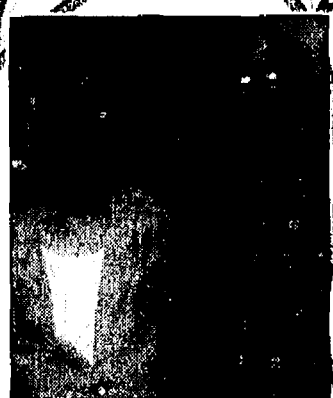
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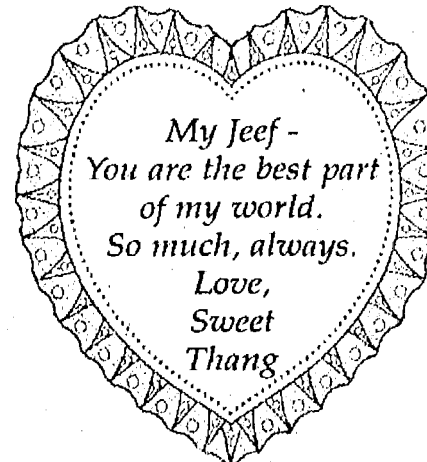
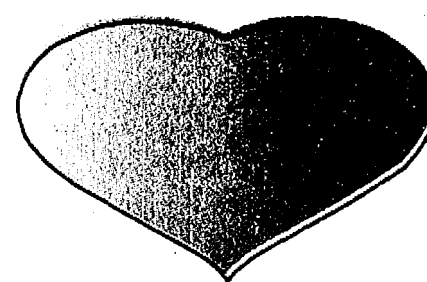
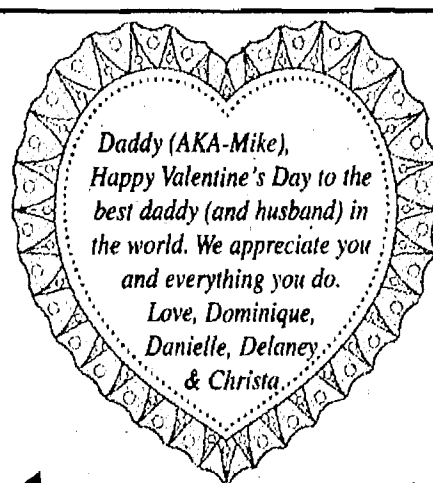
9. Personals

Happy Valentine's Day & 50th Anniversary!

Love,
All Your Kids



To My Valentine!



Love you & miss you...

Mom, Erin, Eric and Grams

Happy Valentine's Day To Our Sweethearts

Love,
Grandma & Grandpa Reichelderfer



"Happy Hearts Day" to our Montana Valentine, Jolene Rose

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Gramma & Grampa



Peewee's Valentine Sweetheart for over 65 years



Edie Mae born Feb. 14, 19??



Hugs and kisses, Kisses and hugs, For our little ones, Bailey Lynn & Isabel Lorraine

Love,
Grandma & Grandpa Millikin

Happy Valentine's Day To Our Little Angel!

Love,
Grandma & Grandpa Northrop & Grandma & Grandpa Richie



Demario, Roses are Red, Sugar is Sweet You're our #1 kid and we think that's really neat.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Love,
Mom, Grandma & Great Grandma



"Bear in Mind"



I Love

Cindy P.

Happy Valentine's Day to the greatest parents in the world: Phyllis and Willard Pfeff. I would be nothing without you & we love you and here's to 42 more wonderful years. Congratulations and to the rest of my family, you know who you are - Happy Valentine's Day. I love you all. Lori